



## Monthly Economic Review

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# **MONTHLY ECONOMIC REVIEW**

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## Current Economic Indicators

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### Highlights

**Labour Force:** The unemployment rate in Alberta in July remained unchanged from June's 4.6%. Unemployment fell by 900 between June and July while the number of people employed and the size of the labour force increased by 5,800 and 4,900, respectively. Alberta's unemployment rate remains the lowest in Canada and is well below the national average of 7.3%. Over the past 12 months, the number of people employed increased by 2.2% or by 45,700. This is the highest growth rate registered by any province and is more than double the national growth rate of 0.8%. The largest employment gains were in construction (up 30,500), mining and oil and gas extraction (up 24,300) and transportation and warehousing (up 11,900). In May, the number of Albertans receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits decreased by 30.3% from May 2011 to 24,040.

**Consumer Spending:** In May, the value of retail sales rose by 8.9% from May 2011 to \$5.7 billion. From January to May 2012, retail trade increased by 9.4% from the same period last year. The number of vehicles sold increased by 5.8% between June 2011 and June 2012. Albertans paid 0.9% more for the goods and services that comprise the Consumer Price Index in July than they did in July 2011.

**Construction:** Alberta urban housing starts rose by 25.6% in July, compared to the same month in 2011. On a year-to-date basis, urban housing starts rose by 46.6% from the same period in 2011: single-detached starts rose by 13.0% and multiple starts more than doubled. Municipalities in Alberta issued \$1.0 billion in building permits in June, up 4.4% from June 2011 mainly as a result of a 95.1% increase in industrial permits. Residential permits also increased by 6.2% over the same period. In the first half of 2012, the value of Alberta

building permits rose 15.5% from the same period last year, to \$7.0 billion.

**Energy:** In May, production of crude oil rose by 26.3% as compared to the same month in 2011 while natural gas production fell by 2.7%. In July, the number of active drilling rigs fell by 17.5% from July 2011 to 198. The average number of active drilling rigs rose by 0.6% between January and July as compared to January to July of 2011.

**Manufacturing:** In June, the value of Alberta manufacturing shipments rose 5.8% from June 2011, to \$6.0 billion. The largest increases were registered by computer and electronics (up 48.2%), wood products (up 22.8%), machinery (up 21.6%) and metal fabricating (up 19.8%). On a year-to-date basis, Alberta manufacturing shipments rose by 10.6% from the same period in 2011.

**Exports:** In June, the value of international merchandise exports fell by 1.1%, compared to June 2011, to \$7.7 billion. Exports of manufactured goods rose by 1.1% while exports of primary agriculture and mining and energy sectors fell by 8.5% and 1.6%, respectively. Between January to June of 2011 and January to June of 2012, Alberta exports increased by 9.2% to \$48.8 billion as primary agriculture, mining and energy, and the manufacturing exports rose by 19.4%, 9.6% and 5.5%, respectively.

**Bankruptcies and Incorporations:** In May, business bankruptcies were up 27.3% from May 2011 and consumer bankruptcies fell by 16.5% over the same period. The number of business incorporations increased by 3.2% between July 2011 and July 2012 to 3,018. Between January and July of 2012, business incorporations rose by 0.5% from the same period in 2011.

## CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

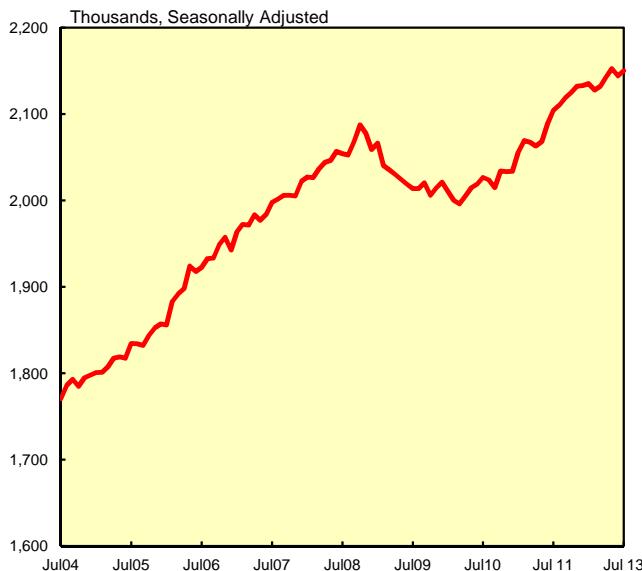
| LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS<br>(seasonally adjusted) | JANUARY - JULY<br>AVERAGE |         |                  | JUNE    |         |                  | JULY    |         |                  |
|--|---------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|
|  | 2011                      | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>                                   |                           |         |                  |         |         |                  |         |         |                  |
| <b>Labour Force (000's)</b>                      | 2,197.9                   | 2,249.5 | 51.6             | 2,210.6 | 2,248.1 | 37.5             | 2,225.9 | 2,253.0 | 27.1             |
| Calgary  | 758.8                     | 783.8   | 24.9             | 768.3   | 790.9   | 22.6             | 781.1   | 786.9   | 5.8              |
| Edmonton   | 699.7                     | 715.0   | 15.3             | 704.2   | 723.1   | 18.9             | 713.5   | 727.5   | 14.0             |
| <b>Employed (000's)</b>                          | 2,073.9                   | 2,140.8 | 66.9             | 2,088.8 | 2,144.2 | 55.4             | 2,104.3 | 2,150.0 | 45.7             |
| Calgary  | 713.9                     | 745.5   | 31.6             | 724.2   | 753.3   | 29.1             | 735.3   | 750.3   | 15.0             |
| Edmonton   | 660.3                     | 679.7   | 19.4             | 665.9   | 691.1   | 25.2             | 675.4   | 694.8   | 19.4             |
| <b>Employment Rate (%)</b>                       | 69.2                      | 70.2    | 0.9              | 69.5    | 69.9    | 0.4              | 69.9    | 69.9    | 0.0              |
| Calgary  | 69.5                      | 71.1    | 1.6              | 70.2    | 71.5    | 1.3              | 71.2    | 71.0    | -0.2             |
| Edmonton   | 68.8                      | 69.3    | 0.5              | 69.2    | 70.1    | 0.9              | 70.1    | 70.3    | 0.2              |
| <b>Unemployment (000's)</b>                      | 124.1                     | 108.7   | -15.4            | 121.9   | 103.9   | -18.0            | 121.6   | 103.0   | -18.6            |
| Calgary  | 44.9                      | 38.2    | -6.6             | 44.1    | 37.6    | -6.5             | 45.8    | 36.6    | -9.2             |
| Edmonton   | 39.4                      | 35.3    | -4.1             | 38.3    | 32.1    | -6.2             | 38.1    | 32.6    | -5.5             |
| <b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>                     | 5.7                       | 4.8     | -0.8             | 5.5     | 4.6     | -0.9             | 5.5     | 4.6     | -0.9             |
| Calgary  | 5.9                       | 4.9     | -1.0             | 5.7     | 4.8     | -0.9             | 5.9     | 4.7     | -1.2             |
| Edmonton   | 5.6                       | 4.9     | -0.7             | 5.4     | 4.4     | -1.0             | 5.3     | 4.5     | -0.8             |
| <b>Participation Rate (%)</b>                    | 73.4                      | 73.7    | 0.3              | 73.6    | 73.3    | -0.3             | 74.0    | 73.3    | -0.7             |
| Calgary  | 73.8                      | 74.7    | 0.9              | 74.5    | 75.1    | 0.6              | 75.6    | 74.5    | -1.1             |
| Edmonton   | 72.9                      | 72.9    | 0.0              | 73.2    | 73.4    | 0.2              | 74.0    | 73.6    | -0.4             |

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

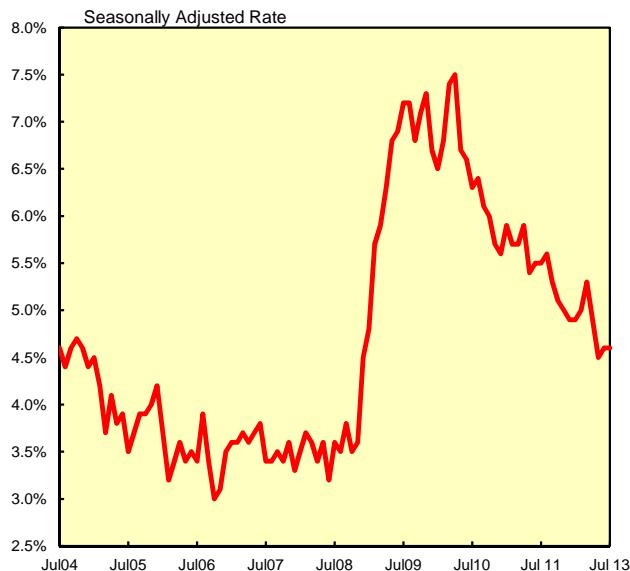
| ADDITIONAL<br>LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS<br>(unadjusted) | JANUARY - JULY<br>AVERAGE |         |                  | JUNE    |         |                  | JULY    |         |                  |
|---|---------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|------------------|
|   | 2011                      | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Yearly<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>  |                           |         |                  |         |         |                  |         |         |                  |
| <b>Male Unemployment Rate (%)</b>                     | 6.1                       | 5.0     | -1.1             | 5.3     | 4.3     | -1.0             | 6.0     | 4.4     | -1.6             |
| <b>Female Unemployment Rate (%)</b>                   | 5.2                       | 4.7     | -0.5             | 4.9     | 4.3     | -0.6             | 5.6     | 5.0     | -0.6             |
| <b>Youth Unemployment Rate (%)</b>                    | 11.2                      | 8.9     | -2.3             | 10.5    | 9.3     | -1.2             | 11.9    | 8.5     | -3.4             |
| <b>Working Age Population (000's)</b>                 | 2,995.7                   | 3,051.6 | 55.9             | 3,005.1 | 3,066.0 | 60.9             | 3,009.8 | 3,073.9 | 64.1             |
| Calgary   | 1,027.4                   | 1,048.9 | 21.5             | 1,030.9 | 1,053.6 | 22.7             | 1,033.0 | 1,056.5 | 23.5             |
| Edmonton  | 959.5                     | 980.2   | 20.7             | 962.3   | 985.4   | 23.1             | 964.1   | 988.4   | 24.3             |
| <b>Employed (000's)</b>                               | 2,072.3                   | 2,139.6 | 67.3             | 2,127.1 | 2,180.6 | 53.5             | 2,127.9 | 2,180.0 | 52.1             |
| Full-time   | 1,709.4                   | 1,783.8 | 74.4             | 1,778.0 | 1,824.2 | 46.2             | 1,804.0 | 1,869.3 | 65.3             |
| Part-time   | 362.9                     | 355.9   | -7.1             | 349.2   | 356.5   | 7.3              | 324.0   | 310.7   | -13.3            |

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

### EMPLOYMENT



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



| INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE<br>(unadjusted)                  | JANUARY - JULY<br>AVERAGE |       |                  | JUNE  |       |                  | JULY  |       |                  |
|--|---------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
|  | 2011                      | 2012  | Yearly<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Yearly<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Yearly<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>   |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| <b>Agriculture</b>                                     |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | n/a                       | n/a   | n/a              | n/a   | n/a   | n/a              | n/a   | n/a   | n/a              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 48.8                      | 54.5  | 5.6              | 53.8  | 55.1  | 1.3              | 47.8  | 57.4  | 9.6              |
| <b>Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction</b>               |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 3.4                       | 3.3   | -0.1             | 3.6   | 3.4   | -0.2             | 2.2   | 4.0   | 1.8              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 149.1                     | 175.9 | 26.8             | 151.1 | 183.8 | 32.7             | 151.4 | 175.7 | 24.3             |
| <b>Construction</b>                                    |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 7.7                       | 5.1   | -2.7             | 6.1   | 4.5   | -1.6             | 5.7   | 3.9   | -1.8             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 204.6                     | 223.1 | 18.5             | 206.2 | 229.7 | 23.5             | 219.1 | 249.6 | 30.5             |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                                   |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 3.9                       | 2.6   | -1.2             | 1.9   | 2.9   | 1.0              | 3.6   | 2.1   | -1.5             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 141.8                     | 134.3 | -7.5             | 146.2 | 136.1 | -10.1            | 146.1 | 140.8 | -5.3             |
| <b>Wholesale Trade</b>                                 |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | n/a                       | 3.3   | n/a              | 1.9   | 4.0   | 2.1              | n/a   | 4.9   | n/a              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 94.5                      | 80.5  | -13.9            | 94.6  | 77.5  | -17.1            | 89.2  | 79.1  | -10.1            |
| <b>Retail Trade</b>                                    |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 5.2                       | 4.0   | -1.2             | 3.6   | 3.0   | -0.6             | 5.0   | 3.2   | -1.8             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 223.5                     | 243.4 | 19.9             | 232.9 | 246.4 | 13.5             | 243.1 | 242.4 | -0.7             |
| <b>Transportation and Warehousing</b>                  |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 3.2                       | 2.2   | -1.1             | 3.4   | 1.6   | -1.8             | 3.8   | 2.7   | -1.1             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 103.3                     | 113.4 | 10.1             | 104.5 | 120.9 | 16.4             | 110.2 | 122.1 | 11.9             |
| <b>Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing</b>     |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | n/a                       | 2.0   | n/a              | 2.0   | 1.7   | -0.3             | 2.4   | -     | n/a              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 98.5                      | 99.6  | 1.1              | 106.3 | 107.2 | 0.9              | 102.0 | 110.8 | 8.8              |
| <b>Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</b> |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 2.9                       | 2.7   | -0.2             | 2.7   | 2.4   | -0.3             | 2.0   | 2.5   | 0.5              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 164.6                     | 156.1 | -8.5             | 170.3 | 157.5 | -12.8            | 163.7 | 156.8 | -6.9             |
| <b>Business, Building and Other Support Services</b>   |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 6.9                       | 5.9   | -1.1             | 9.0   | 6.0   | -3.0             | 7.1   | 5.4   | -1.7             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 72.0                      | 71.6  | -0.4             | 73.8  | 70.5  | -3.3             | 74.8  | 79.3  | 4.5              |
| <b>Educational Services</b>                            |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | n/a                       | 2.3   | n/a              | 2.1   | 1.6   | -0.5             | 7.6   | 7.5   | -0.1             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 130.2                     | 128.6 | -1.6             | 127.7 | 131.6 | 3.9              | 106.8 | 103.7 | -3.1             |
| <b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>               |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 2.4                       | 1.4   | -1.0             | 2.0   | 1.2   | -0.8             | 2.2   | 1.6   | -0.6             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 222.0                     | 230.2 | 8.2              | 234.0 | 231.6 | -2.4             | 226.4 | 222.9 | -3.5             |
| <b>Information, Culture and Recreation</b>             |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 6.0                       | 4.4   | -1.6             | 3.7   | 3.5   | -0.2             | 5.0   | 3.4   | -1.6             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 77.2                      | 72.6  | -4.6             | 84.5  | 72.6  | -11.9            | 93.2  | 73.1  | -20.1            |
| <b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>                 |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 5.3                       | 4.3   | -0.9             | 4.2   | 2.8   | -1.4             | 5.5   | 3.9   | -1.6             |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 133.5                     | 136.1 | 2.7              | 135.0 | 133.7 | -1.3             | 140.4 | 137.9 | -2.5             |
| <b>Other Services</b>                                  |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | 3.4                       | 2.6   | -0.8             | 2.8   | 2.6   | -0.2             | 3.4   | 4.3   | 0.9              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 103.8                     | 105.7 | 1.9              | 99.3  | 104.3 | 5.0              | 104.6 | 104.9 | 0.3              |
| <b>Public Administration</b>                           |                           |       |                  |       |       |                  |       |       |                  |
| Unemployment Rate (%)                                  | n/a                       | n/a   | n/a              | 2.0   | n/a   | n/a              | 2.5   | n/a   | n/a              |
| Employed (000's)                                       | 84.5                      | 90.5  | 6.0              | 84.4  | 96.9  | 12.5             | 88.3  | 95.3  | 7.0              |

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

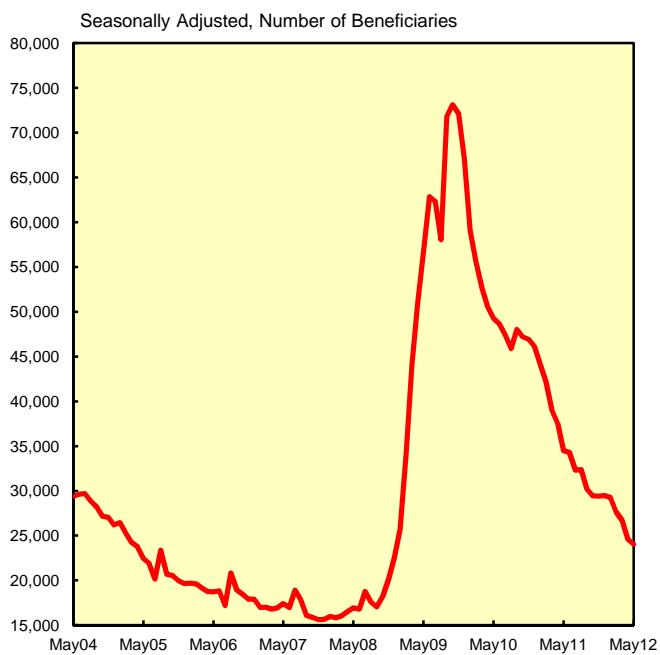
|  | JANUARY - MAY<br>AVERAGE |        |                    | APRIL  |        |                    | MAY    |        |                    |
|--|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|
|  | 2011                     | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change |
| EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE                             |                          |        |                    |        |        |                    |        |        |                    |
| Alberta<br>Number of Recipients, seasonally adj. | 39,446                   | 26,450 | -32.9              | 37,480 | 24,600 | -34.4              | 34,490 | 24,040 | -30.3              |

|                                       | JANUARY - MARCH |        |                    | FEBRUARY |        |                    | MARCH  |        |                    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|
|                                       | 2011            | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011     | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change |
| WAGES AND SALARIES (\$000,000)        |                 |        |                    |          |        |                    |        |        |                    |
| Alberta<br>Total, seasonally adjusted | 30,651          | 33,011 | 7.7                | 10,242   | 10,996 | 7.4                | 10,291 | 11,130 | 8.2                |

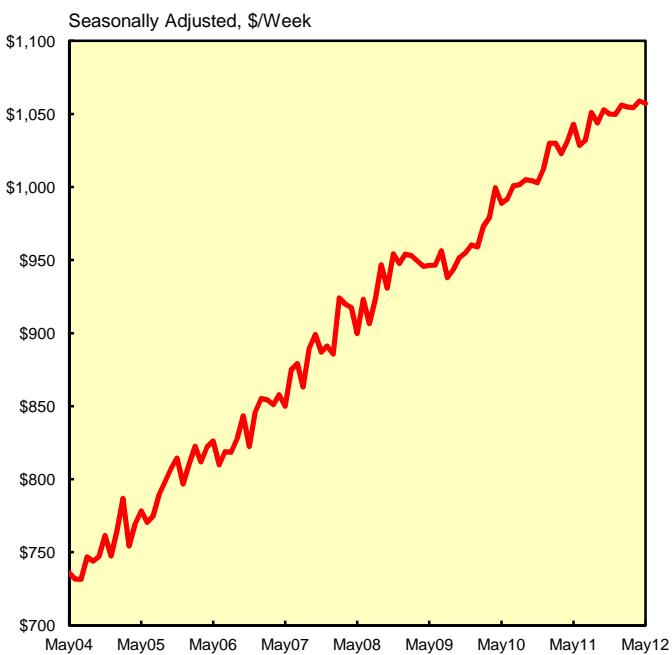
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|--|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|  | 2011                     | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change |
| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS<br>ALL EMPLOYEES |                          |       |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |                    |
| Alberta<br>\$/week, seasonally adjusted  | 1,031                    | 1,056 | 2.4                | 1,031 | 1,059 | 2.7                | 1,043 | 1,057 | 1.4                |

| MIGRATION                         | JANUARY - DECEMBER |        |                    | OCTOBER - DECEMBER |        |                    | JANUARY - MARCH |        |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
|                                   | 2010               | 2011   | Per cent<br>Change | 2010               | 2011   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011            | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change |
| Alberta<br><b>International</b>   |                    |        |                    |                    |        |                    |                 |        |                    |
| Immigration                       | 32,643             | 30,958 | -5.2               | 6,667              | 8,305  | 24.6               | 5,744           | 7,515  | 30.8               |
| Emigration                        | 8,624              | 8,670  | 0.5                | 2,003              | 2,011  | 0.4                | 1,479           | 1,486  | 0.5                |
| Returning Canadians               | 2,843              | 2,843  | 0.0                | 454                | 454    | 0.0                | 487             | 487    | 0.0                |
| Temporarily abroad                | 2,307              | 2,308  | 0.0                | 556                | 556    | 0.0                | 486             | 486    | 0.0                |
| Net Non-Permanent Residents       | (9,558)            | 3,075  | n/a                | (6,794)            | 105    | n/a                | (558)           | 2,642  | n/a                |
| Net international migration       | 14,997             | 25,898 | 72.7               | (2,232)            | 6,297  | n/a                | 3,708           | 8,672  | 133.9              |
| Alberta<br><b>Interprovincial</b> |                    |        |                    |                    |        |                    |                 |        |                    |
| In-migration                      | 70,033             | 87,064 | 24.3               | 16,072             | 18,819 | 17.1               | 20,556          | 26,910 | 30.9               |
| Out-migration                     | 65,417             | 67,923 | 3.8                | 13,562             | 12,809 | -5.6               | 15,281          | 13,514 | -11.6              |
| Net Interprovincial migration     | 4,616              | 19,141 | 314.7              | 2,510              | 6,010  | 139.4              | 5,275           | 13,396 | 154.0              |

### EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS



| RETAIL TRADE (\$000,000)              | JANUARY - MAY  |        |                    | APRIL |       |                    | MAY   |       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|                                       | 2011           | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change |
|                                       | <b>Alberta</b> |        |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |                    |
| Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted | 25,897         | 28,339 | 9.4                | 5,243 | 5,659 | 7.9                | 5,266 | 5,732 | 8.9                |
| Motor and Recreational Vehicles       | 6,268          | 7,481  | 19.4               | 1,425 | 1,551 | 8.8                | 1,511 | 1,904 | 26.0               |
| Gasoline Service Stations             | 3,332          | 3,599  | 8.0                | 656   | 715   | 8.9                | 731   | 778   | 6.5                |
| Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics   | 1,745          | 1,826  | 4.6                | 368   | 360   | -2.4               | 360   | 376   | 4.6                |
| Building and Outdoor Home Supplies    | 1,191          | 1,328  | 11.5               | 240   | 266   | 11.2               | 358   | 407   | 13.4               |
| Food and Beverage                     | 5,101          | 5,311  | 4.1                | 1,097 | 1,045 | -4.8               | 1,075 | 1,150 | 6.9                |
| Pharmacies and Personal Care          | 1,157          | 1,204  | 4.1                | 236   | 235   | -0.5               | 238   | 262   | 10.3               |
| Clothing and Accessories              | 1,271          | 1,422  | 11.9               | 293   | 303   | 3.6                | 297   | 335   | 12.9               |
| General Merchandise                   | 3,005          | 3,265  | 8.6                | 655   | 687   | 4.9                | 713   | 778   | 9.0                |
| Miscellaneous Retailers               | 552            | 580    | 5.2                | 116   | 122   | 5.8                | 120   | 127   | 5.5                |

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

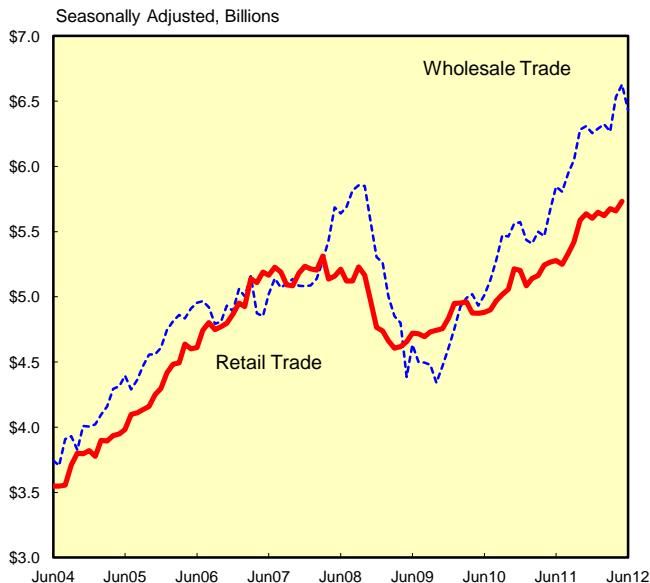
| FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES RECEIPTS (\$000,000) | JANUARY - MAY  |       |                    | APRIL |      |                    | MAY  |      |                    |
|--|----------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------|--------------------|------|------|--------------------|
|  | 2011           | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012 | Per cent<br>Change | 2011 | 2012 | Per cent<br>Change |
|  | <b>Alberta</b> |       |                    |       |      |                    |      |      |                    |
| Total, seasonally adjusted                             | 2,925          | 3,182 | 8.8                | 593   | 634  | 6.9                | 596  | 649  | 8.8                |

| NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES       | JANUARY - JUNE |         |                    | MAY    |        |                    | JUNE   |        |                    |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|
|                               | 2011           | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>                |                |         |                    |        |        |                    |        |        |                    |
| Total Number Sold, unadjusted | 109,141        | 123,683 | 13.3               | 20,169 | 24,726 | 22.6               | 22,212 | 23,502 | 5.8                |
| Passenger Vehicles            | 27,492         | 31,036  | 12.9               | 5,557  | 6,400  | 15.2               | 5,856  | 6,283  | 7.3                |
| Trucks                        | 81,649         | 92,647  | 13.5               | 14,612 | 18,326 | 25.4               | 16,356 | 17,219 | 5.3                |

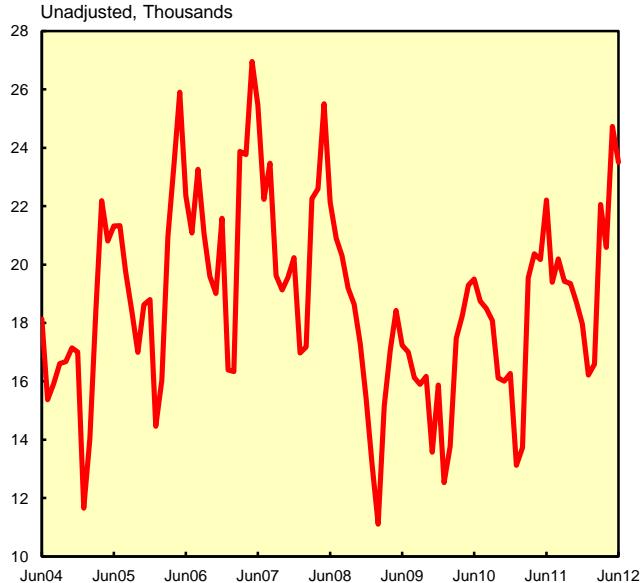
Note: Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses regardless of their intended use. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

| WHOLESALE TRADE (\$000,000)              | JANUARY - JUNE |        |                    | MAY   |       |                    | JUNE  |       |                    |
|--|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|  | 2011           | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change |
|  | <b>Alberta</b> |        |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |                    |
| Total All Merchants, seasonally adjusted | 33,323         | 38,473 | 15.5               | 5,671 | 6,629 | 16.9               | 5,845 | 6,431 | 10.0               |

### RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE



### NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES



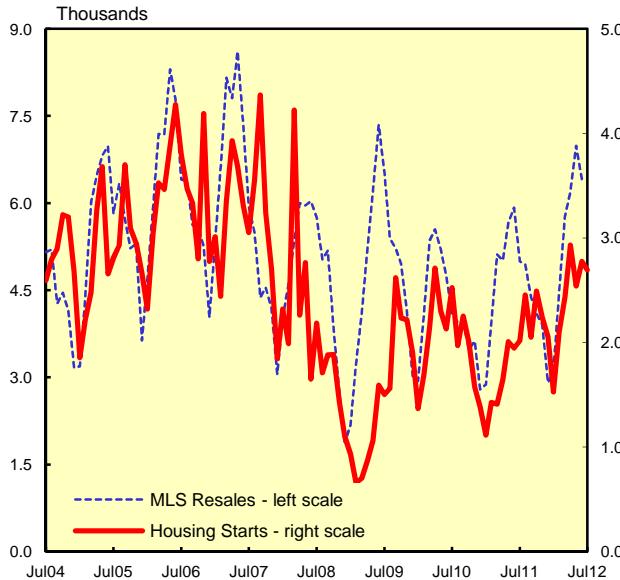
| MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE<br>(MLS) HOUSING RESALES | JANUARY - JUNE |        |                    | MAY   |       |                    | JUNE  |       |                    |
|---|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|   | 2011           | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change |
| Alberta   |                |        |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |                    |
| Total (number)                                    | 28,526         | 32,934 | 15.5               | 5,659 | 6,984 | 23.4               | 5,920 | 6,400 | 8.1                |
| Calgary   | 12,225         | 14,602 | 19.4               | 2,219 | 2,982 | 34.4               | 2,427 | 2,832 | 16.7               |
| Edmonton  | 9,050          | 9,726  | 7.5                | 2,007 | 2,156 | 7.4                | 1,901 | 1,913 | 0.6                |
| Total Value (\$000,000)                           | 10,156         | 12,019 | 18.3               | 2,021 | 2,617 | 29.5               | 2,138 | 2,367 | 10.7               |
| Calgary   | 4,972          | 6,047  | 21.6               | 923   | 1,281 | 38.7               | 1,000 | 1,195 | 19.6               |
| Edmonton  | 2,946          | 3,277  | 11.2               | 665   | 748   | 12.5               | 625   | 651   | 4.2                |

| HOUSING<br>STARTS (urban) | JANUARY - JULY |        |                    | JUNE  |       |                    | JULY  |       |                    |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
|                           | 2011           | 2012   | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent<br>Change |
| Alberta                   |                |        |                    |       |       |                    |       |       |                    |
| Total                     | 11,886         | 17,423 | 46.6               | 1,947 | 2,776 | 42.6               | 2,144 | 2,693 | 25.6               |
| Single Detached           | 7,479          | 8,450  | 13.0               | 1,264 | 1,448 | 14.6               | 1,362 | 1,477 | 8.4                |
| All Others*               | 4,407          | 8,973  | 103.6              | 683   | 1,328 | 94.4               | 782   | 1,216 | 55.5               |
| Calgary                   | 4,188          | 7,954  | 89.9               | 719   | 1,184 | 64.7               | 658   | 910   | 38.3               |
| Edmonton                  | 5,085          | 6,903  | 35.8               | 719   | 1,050 | 46.0               | 1,034 | 1,435 | 38.8               |

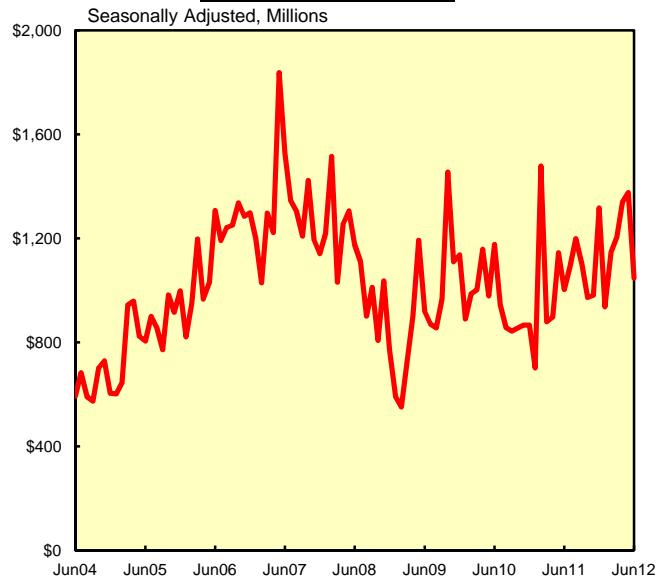
\* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

| BUILDING<br>PERMITS (\$000,000)  | JANUARY - JUNE |         |                    | MAY     |         |                    | JUNE    |         |                    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|                                  | 2011           | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change |
| Alberta                          |                |         |                    |         |         |                    |         |         |                    |
| Total Value, seasonally adjusted | 6,104.8        | 7,048.8 | 15.5               | 1,145.1 | 1,376.1 | 20.2               | 1,003.7 | 1,047.8 | 4.4                |
| Total Value, unadjusted          | 6,023.7        | 6,976.7 | 15.8               | 1,244.7 | 1,537.2 | 23.5               | 1,116.3 | 1,135.4 | 1.7                |
| Calgary                          | 2,564.8        | 2,806.8 | 9.4                | 305.9   | 560.9   | 83.3               | 471.9   | 417.7   | -11.5              |
| Edmonton                         | 2,016.3        | 2,239.6 | 11.1               | 594.6   | 524.7   | -11.8              | 335.6   | 393.8   | 17.4               |
| Residential                      | 3,218.4        | 3,934.5 | 22.2               | 665.5   | 893.9   | 34.3               | 670.9   | 712.3   | 6.2                |
| Calgary                          | 1,196.6        | 1,605.8 | 34.2               | 206.0   | 342.1   | 66.0               | 264.6   | 264.6   | 0.0                |
| Edmonton                         | 1,263.5        | 1,438.7 | 13.9               | 287.2   | 322.8   | 12.4               | 213.9   | 272.3   | 27.3               |
| Industrial                       | 924.2          | 667.1   | -27.8              | 88.4    | 132.3   | 49.7               | 58.0    | 113.2   | 95.1               |
| Calgary                          | 678.8          | 129.1   | -81.0              | 9.2     | 32.5    | 254.3              | 33.2    | 33.5    | 0.9                |
| Edmonton                         | 65.9           | 121.7   | 84.6               | 31.2    | 16.0    | -48.7              | 4.4     | 19.3    | 343.5              |
| Commercial                       | 1,630.2        | 1,901.3 | 16.6               | 454.9   | 319.0   | -29.9              | 338.2   | 264.2   | -21.9              |
| Calgary                          | 593.3          | 911.6   | 53.7               | 81.7    | 149.0   | 82.4               | 153.9   | 109.6   | -28.7              |
| Edmonton                         | 581.1          | 509.3   | -12.3              | 267.0   | 96.7    | -63.8              | 93.2    | 91.8    | -1.5               |
| Institutional/Government         | 250.9          | 473.8   | 88.8               | 35.9    | 192.0   | 434.9              | 49.2    | 45.7    | -7.2               |
| Calgary                          | 96.1           | 160.3   | 66.8               | 9.1     | 37.4    | 312.2              | 20.2    | 10.0    | -50.6              |
| Edmonton                         | 105.8          | 169.9   | 60.5               | 9.3     | 89.1    | 857.1              | 24.1    | 10.4    | -57.1              |

#### HOUSING STARTS / MLS RESALES



#### BUILDING PERMITS



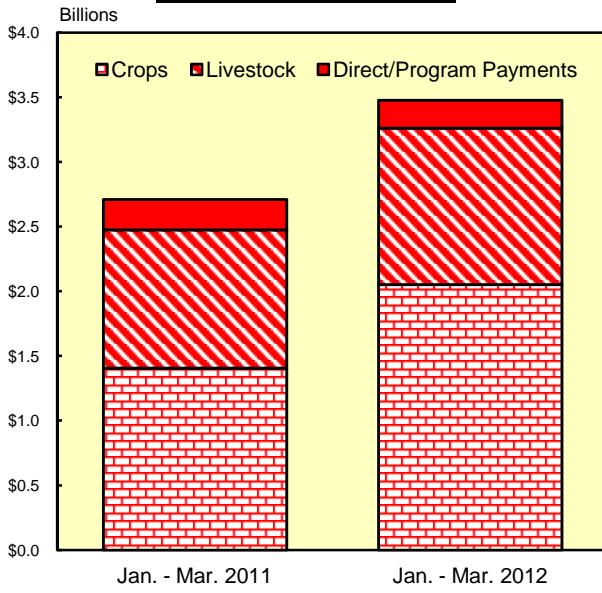
| MANUFACTURING<br>(Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture \$000,000) | JANUARY - JUNE |          |                 | MAY     |         |                 | JUNE    |         |                 |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
|   | 2011           | 2012     | Per cent Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent Change |
| Alberta   |                |          |                 |         |         |                 |         |         |                 |
| Total, seasonally adjusted  | 33,790.0       | 37,388.7 | 10.6            | 5,696.6 | 6,117.7 | 7.4             | 5,631.4 | 5,957.0 | 5.8             |
| Total, unadjusted   | 33,258.9       | 36,978.8 | 11.2            | 5,854.1 | 6,196.6 | 5.9             | 5,705.1 | 5,926.9 | 3.9             |
| Food Products   | 5,418.0        | 5,928.5  | 9.4             | 938.2   | 1,031.8 | 10.0            | 944.1   | 1,060.3 | 12.3            |
| Plastics & Rubber Products  | 698.9          | 725.7    | 3.8             | 127.7   | 131.3   | 2.9             | 137.1   | 125.8   | -8.2            |
| Metal Fabricating   | 2,487.0        | 3,152.9  | 26.8            | 409.8   | 497.7   | 21.5            | 432.1   | 517.8   | 19.8            |
| Printing & Publishing   | 417.9          | 407.5    | -2.5            | 73.8    | 70.4    | -4.5            | 69.7    | 68.9    | -1.1            |
| Non-Metallic Mineral Products   | 810.7          | 989.6    | 22.1            | 171.8   | 210.9   | 22.8            | 192.2   | 227.9   | 18.6            |
| Petroleum & Coal Products   | 8,797.5        | 9,322.5  | 6.0             | 1,453.3 | 1,408.4 | -3.1            | 1,523.4 | 1,210.6 | -20.5           |
| Chemicals & Chemical Products   | 6,170.6        | 6,422.0  | 4.1             | 1,090.4 | 1,140.4 | 4.6             | 914.4   | 980.7   | 7.3             |
| Wood Products   | 1,069.9        | 1,205.8  | 12.7            | 192.3   | 223.9   | 16.4            | 193.4   | 237.5   | 22.8            |
| Furniture & Fixtures  | 387.6          | 414.9    | 7.0             | 67.4    | 77.1    | 14.3            | 70.2    | 77.1    | 9.8             |
| Paper & Allied  | 916.6          | 882.6    | -3.7            | 145.8   | 135.5   | -7.0            | 151.7   | 144.4   | -4.8            |
| Computers & Electronics   | 220.1          | 335.0    | 52.2            | 38.0    | 62.1    | 63.3            | 40.0    | 59.3    | 48.2            |
| Machinery   | 3,648.9        | 4,671.9  | 28.0            | 733.0   | 760.8   | 3.8             | 639.7   | 777.8   | 21.6            |
| Other Manufacturing*  | 2,215.2        | 2,520.0  | 13.8            | 412.7   | 446.3   | 8.2             | 397.3   | 438.6   | 10.4            |

\*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing (includes Primary Metal, Beverage and Transportation Equipment sectors)

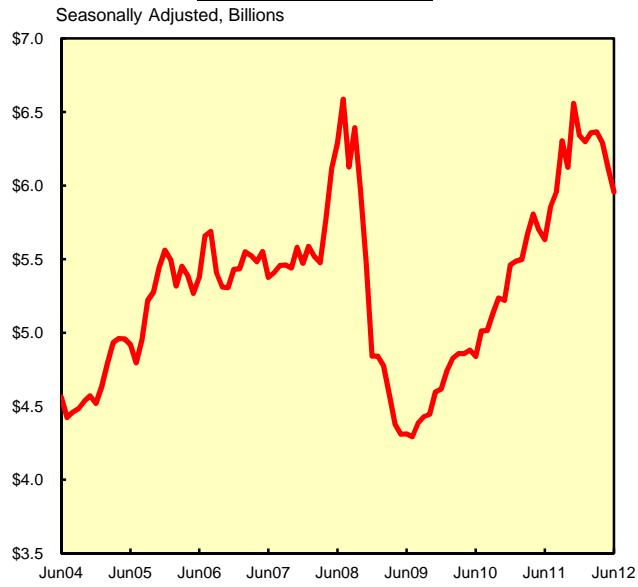
| AGRICULTURE             | JANUARY - DECEMBER             |          |       | OCTOBER - DECEMBER |         |      | JANUARY - MARCH |         |      |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------------|---------|------|-----------------|---------|------|-----------------|
|                         | Farm Cash Receipts (\$000,000) | 2010     | 2011  | Per cent Change    | 2010    | 2011 | Per cent Change | 2011    | 2012 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta                 |                                |          |       |                    |         |      |                 |         |      |                 |
| Total From Operations   | 9,003.8                        | 10,467.4 | 16.3  | 2,361.6            | 2,811.4 | 19.0 | 2,711.7         | 3,477.9 | 28.3 |                 |
| Crops                   | 3,794.7                        | 5,182.7  | 36.6  | 1,120.7            | 1,431.3 | 27.7 | 1,406.8         | 2,051.8 | 45.8 |                 |
| Wheat, other than Durum | 1,009.2                        | 1,463.3  | 45.0  | 311.8              | 408.8   | 31.1 | 331.3           | 428.6   | 29.4 |                 |
| Durum Wheat             | 123.7                          | 132.4    | 7.1   | 30.1               | 47.8    | 58.5 | 38.7            | 48.4    | 25.2 |                 |
| Barley                  | 154.0                          | 236.1    | 53.3  | 64.6               | 89.1    | 37.9 | 57.1            | 71.2    | 24.6 |                 |
| Canola                  | 1,711.0                        | 2,609.2  | 52.5  | 628.4              | 837.0   | 33.2 | 548.4           | 916.8   | 67.2 |                 |
| Livestock               | 4,392.2                        | 4,603.4  | 4.8   | 1,043.4            | 1,197.6 | 14.8 | 1,069.1         | 1,212.0 | 13.4 |                 |
| Cattle and Calves       | 3,082.6                        | 3,167.2  | 2.7   | 724.2              | 823.4   | 13.7 | 738.3           | 844.2   | 14.4 |                 |
| Hogs                    | 368.5                          | 416.5    | 13.0  | 80.0               | 109.3   | 36.6 | 98.6            | 110.3   | 11.8 |                 |
| Dairy Products          | 478.4                          | 504.1    | 5.4   | 121.1              | 129.7   | 7.1  | 121.0           | 134.1   | 10.8 |                 |
| Poultry                 | 259.1                          | 296.2    | 14.3  | 65.6               | 76.5    | 16.7 | 67.5            | 75.3    | 11.6 |                 |
| Direct/Program Payments | 816.9                          | 681.3    | -16.6 | 197.5              | 182.5   | -7.6 | 235.8           | 214.1   | -9.2 |                 |

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

### FARM CASH RECEIPTS



### MANUFACTURING



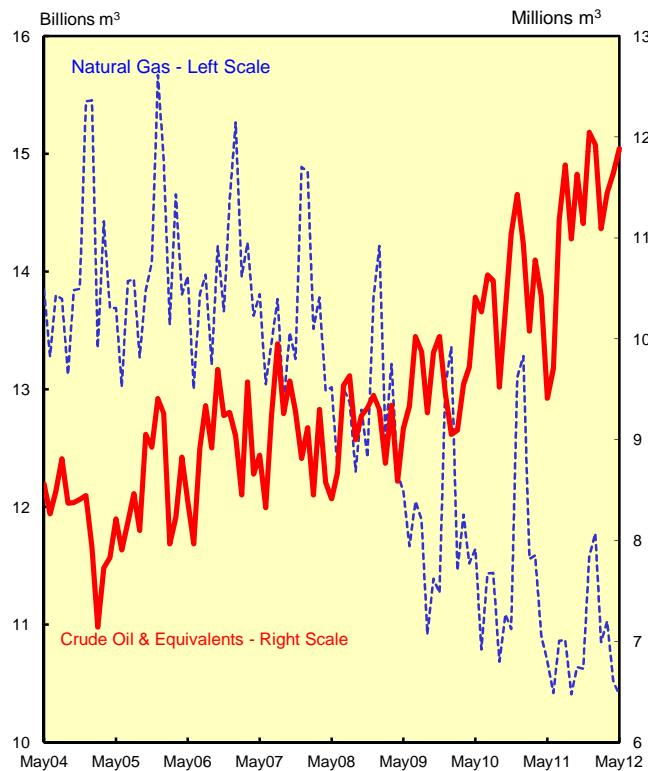
| ENERGY PRODUCTION                     | JANUARY - MAY |        |                 | APRIL  |        |                 | MAY    |        |                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|
|                                       | 2011          | 2012   | Per cent Change | 2010   | 2011   | Per cent Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent Change |
| Alberta                               |               |        |                 |        |        |                 |        |        |                 |
| Natural Gas (million m <sup>3</sup> ) | 58,025        | 54,579 | -5.9            | 10,906 | 10,521 | -3.5            | 10,691 | 10,403 | -2.7            |

\*Includes Conventional Light/Medium/Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

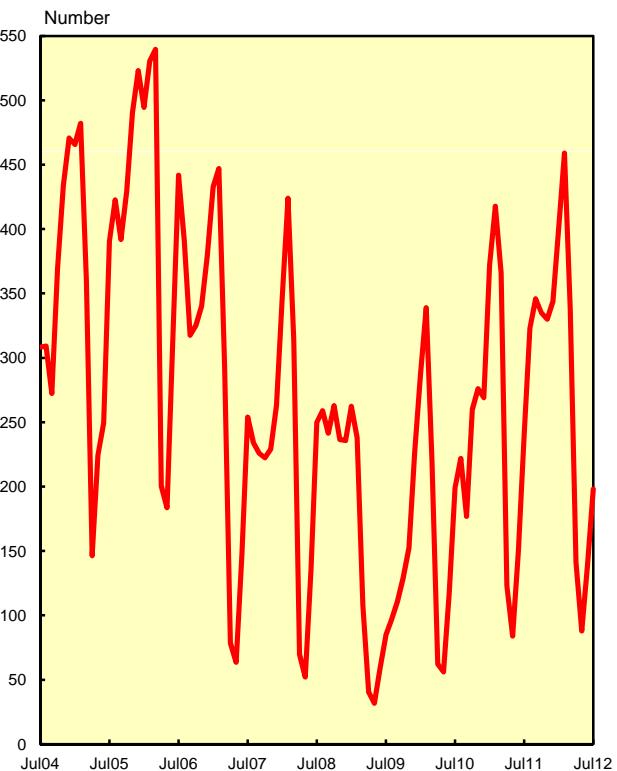
| RIG ACTIVITY       | JANUARY - JULY AVERAGE |      |                 | JUNE |      |                 | JULY |      |                 |
|--------------------|------------------------|------|-----------------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|-----------------|
|                    | 2011                   | 2012 | Per cent Change | 2011 | 2012 | Per cent Change | 2011 | 2012 | Per cent Change |
| Alberta            |                        |      |                 |      |      |                 |      |      |                 |
| Rig Counts         |                        |      |                 |      |      |                 |      |      |                 |
| Drilling Available | 250                    | 252  | 0.6             | 150  | 139  | -7.3            | 240  | 198  | -17.5           |
|                    | 563                    | 600  | 6.4             | 544  | 603  | 10.8            | 546  | 597  | 9.3             |

| ENERGY PRICES   | ANNUAL AVERAGES |       | 2011   |       |       | 2012  |       |       | Annual % Change |
|---|-----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
|   | 2010            | 2011  | MAY    | JUN   | JUL   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   |                 |
| West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US\$/Barrel) | 79.53           | 95.12 | 101.36 | 96.29 | 97.34 | 94.72 | 82.41 | 87.93 | -9.7            |
| Natural Gas Reference Price (C\$/GJ)                  | 3.57            | 3.28  | 3.39   | 3.51  | 3.42  | 1.58  | 1.75  | n/a   | -50.1           |

## ENERGY PRODUCTION

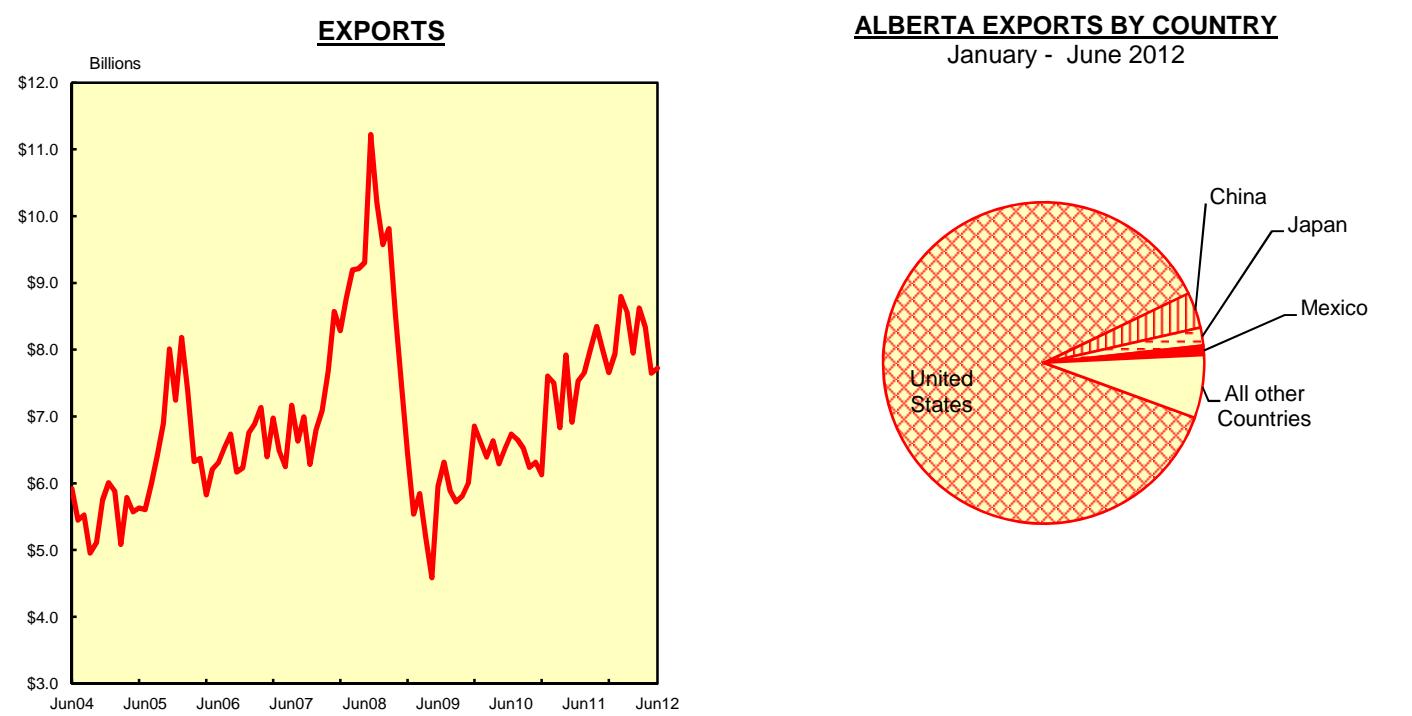


## RIGS DRILLING



| EXPORTS<br>By Industry (\$000,000)   | JANUARY - JUNE |          |                    | MAY     |         |                    | JUNE    |         |                    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|                                      | 2011           | 2012     | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>                       |                |          |                    |         |         |                    |         |         |                    |
| <b>Total - all industries</b>        | 44,725.0       | 48,844.7 | 9.2                | 7,532.0 | 7,648.2 | 1.5                | 7,808.8 | 7,724.5 | -1.1               |
| <b>Primary Agriculture</b>           | 2,148.5        | 2,565.7  | 19.4               | 394.5   | 449.1   | 13.8               | 344.1   | 314.8   | -8.5               |
| <b>Mining &amp; Energy</b>           | 31,730.8       | 34,777.0 | 9.6                | 5,280.4 | 5,341.9 | 1.2                | 5,554.0 | 5,463.6 | -1.6               |
| Crude oil                            | 24,378.8       | 30,323.9 | 24.4               | 4,200.8 | 4,690.7 | 11.7               | 4,387.7 | 4,770.0 | 8.7                |
| Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids  | 6,628.4        | 3,930.5  | -40.7              | 960.6   | 575.0   | -40.1              | 974.3   | 576.4   | -40.8              |
| Other Mining and Energy              | 723.6          | 522.7    | -27.8              | 119.0   | 76.2    | -36.0              | 192.0   | 117.3   | -38.9              |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                 | 10,532.8       | 11,110.1 | 5.5                | 1,799.5 | 1,784.5 | -0.8               | 1,854.1 | 1,872.8 | 1.0                |
| Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products | 4,359.5        | 4,447.2  | 2.0                | 761.8   | 659.0   | -13.5              | 731.8   | 722.5   | -1.3               |
| Paper & Wood Products                | 1,037.5        | 1,076.9  | 3.8                | 177.4   | 179.4   | 1.1                | 171.5   | 189.6   | 10.5               |
| Primary & Fabricated Metal Products  | 1,074.6        | 1,042.9  | -2.9               | 165.5   | 179.2   | 8.2                | 167.3   | 186.8   | 11.7               |
| Machinery & Transportation Equipment | 1,801.1        | 2,019.6  | 12.1               | 329.4   | 331.4   | 0.6                | 359.6   | 351.4   | -2.3               |
| Food, Feed & Beverage                | 1,634.7        | 1,779.2  | 8.8                | 253.6   | 292.6   | 15.4               | 301.7   | 292.5   | -3.0               |
| Other Manufacturing                  | 625.4          | 744.3    | 19.0               | 111.7   | 142.9   | 27.9               | 122.2   | 130.0   | 6.4                |
| <b>Other Exports</b>                 | 313.0          | 391.9    | 25.2               | 57.6    | 72.6    | 25.9               | 56.7    | 73.2    | 29.1               |

| EXPORTS<br>By Country (\$000,000) | JANUARY - JUNE |          |                    | MAY     |         |                    | JUNE    |         |                    |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|
|                                   | 2011           | 2012     | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent<br>Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>                    |                |          |                    |         |         |                    |         |         |                    |
| <b>Total - all countries</b>      | 44,725.0       | 48,844.7 | 9.2                | 7,532.0 | 7,648.2 | 1.5                | 7,808.8 | 7,724.5 | -1.1               |
| United States                     | 38,766.4       | 42,651.4 | 10.0               | 6,523.7 | 6,614.9 | 1.4                | 6,765.3 | 6,830.8 | 1.0                |
| China                             | 1,416.4        | 1,748.4  | 23.4               | 230.5   | 273.3   | 18.6               | 291.7   | 204.3   | -30.0              |
| Japan                             | 895.2          | 888.6    | -0.7               | 158.9   | 141.2   | -11.1              | 148.0   | 156.0   | 5.4                |
| Mexico                            | 420.6          | 471.0    | 12.0               | 48.1    | 55.7    | 15.9               | 81.9    | 73.2    | -10.6              |
| Korea, South                      | 406.9          | 310.8    | -23.6              | 82.6    | 51.6    | -37.5              | 60.3    | 85.9    | 42.5               |
| Netherlands                       | 280.1          | 216.9    | -22.6              | 33.8    | 38.6    | 14.1               | 52.5    | 36.2    | -30.9              |
| United Arab Emirates              | 138.3          | 156.1    | 12.9               | 20.8    | 30.8    | 48.1               | 9.3     | 13.4    | 44.2               |
| Russia                            | 122.6          | 137.5    | 12.2               | 30.1    | 22.5    | -25.3              | 16.1    | 15.6    | -2.9               |
| Iraq                              | 10.3           | 117.3    | n/a                | 1.0     | 21.3    | n/a                | 2.9     | 9.7     | n/a                |
| Australia                         | 167.1          | 113.2    | -32.3              | 22.5    | 27.8    | 23.3               | 26.4    | 20.5    | -22.4              |
| All other Countries               | 2,101.1        | 2,033.5  | -3.2               | 379.9   | 370.4   | -2.5               | 354.5   | 278.9   | -21.3              |



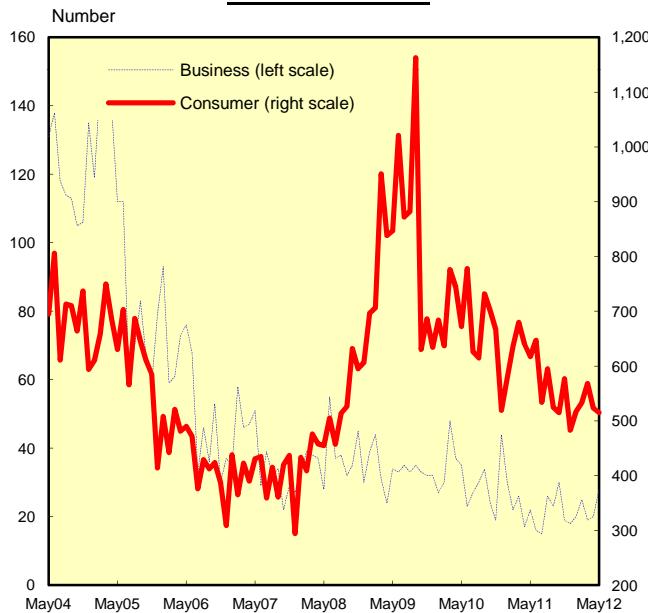
| BANKRUPTCIES             | JANUARY - MAY |       |                 | APRIL |      |                 | MAY  |      |                 |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------|------|------|-----------------|
|                          | 2011          | 2012  | Per cent Change | 2011  | 2012 | Per cent Change | 2011 | 2012 | Per cent Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>           |               |       |                 |       |      |                 |      |      |                 |
| <b>Business (number)</b> | 117           | 112   | -4.3            | 17    | 20   | 17.6            | 22   | 28   | 27.3            |
| <b>Consumer (number)</b> | 3,151         | 2,656 | -15.7           | 640   | 523  | -18.3           | 617  | 515  | -16.5           |

| BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS                  | JANUARY - JULY |        |                 | JUNE  |       |                 | JULY  |       |                 |
|--|----------------|--------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|
|  | 2011           | 2012   | Per cent Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent Change | 2011  | 2012  | Per cent Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>                           |                |        |                 |       |       |                 |       |       |                 |
| <b>Number of Business Incorporations</b> | 24,779         | 24,901 | 0.5             | 3,436 | 3,483 | 1.4             | 2,925 | 3,018 | 3.2             |
| Alberta Corporations                     | 23,045         | 22,885 | -0.7            | 3,172 | 3,200 | 0.9             | 2,706 | 2,757 | 1.9             |
| Non-Alberta Corporations                 | 1,734          | 2,016  | 16.3            | 264   | 283   | 7.2             | 219   | 261   | 19.2            |

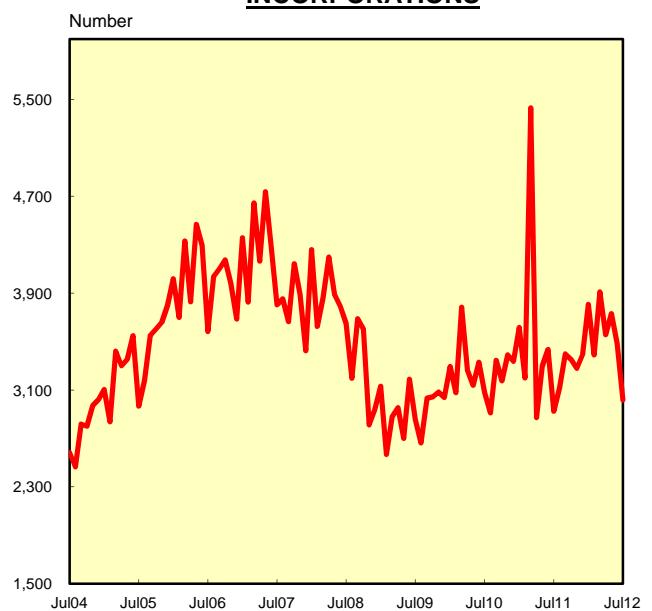
| INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA | JANUARY - JUNE |         |                 | MAY    |        |                 | JUNE    |         |                 |
|---|----------------|---------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
|   | 2011           | 2012    | Per cent Change | 2011   | 2012   | Per cent Change | 2011    | 2012    | Per cent Change |
| <b>Alberta</b>  |                |         |                 |        |        |                 |         |         |                 |
| <b>Total (includes same-day)</b>                        | 363,580        | 378,167 | 4.0             | 70,772 | 71,421 | 0.9             | 112,321 | 119,182 | 6.1             |
| <b>Total (excludes same-day)</b>                        | 344,428        | 360,024 | 4.5             | 67,706 | 68,481 | 1.1             | 106,140 | 112,779 | 6.3             |
| U.S.A. (excludes same-day)                              | 223,777        | 240,643 | 7.5             | 42,477 | 43,744 | 3.0             | 70,767  | 76,081  | 7.5             |
| United Kingdom  | 45,834         | 41,165  | -10.2           | 10,412 | 9,384  | -9.9            | 11,361  | 11,005  | -3.1            |
| Germany   | 14,511         | 12,794  | -11.8           | 2,877  | 2,411  | -16.2           | 4,603   | 3,923   | -14.8           |
| Netherlands   | 5,997          | 6,256   | 4.3             | 1,391  | 1,493  | 7.3             | 1,939   | 2,096   | 8.1             |
| Japan   | 4,817          | 5,488   | 13.9            | 1,813  | 1,412  | -22.1           | 1,494   | 2,387   | 59.8            |
| Australia   | 5,937          | 5,947   | 0.2             | 1,255  | 1,163  | -7.3            | 1,670   | 1,645   | -1.5            |
| Switzerland   | 3,161          | 3,174   | 0.4             | 372    | 421    | 13.2            | 1,159   | 1,233   | 6.4             |
| Mexico  | 2,351          | 3,119   | 32.7            | 302    | 456    | 51.0            | 797     | 1,090   | 36.8            |

Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated since significant numbers of tourists enter via other provinces.

### BANKRUPTCIES



### INCORPORATIONS

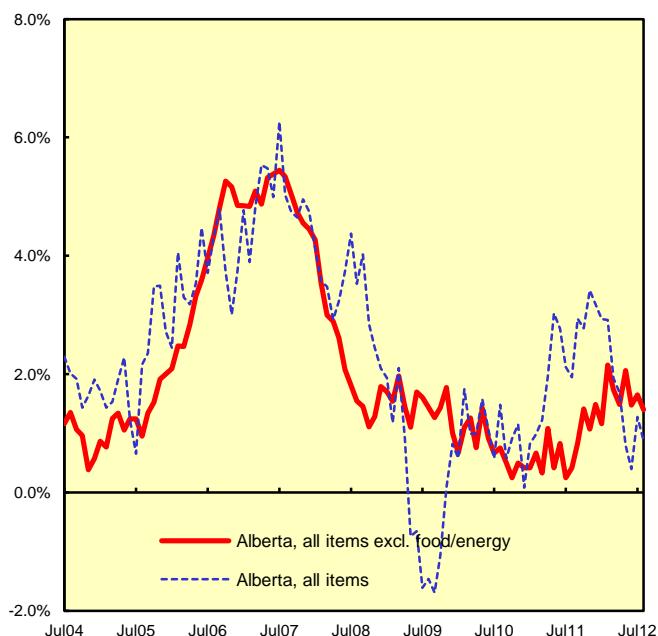


| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)    | ANNUAL RATES |       |       | 2011  | 2012  |       |       |       | % Change          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
|                                    | 2009         | 2010  | 2011  | JUL   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | JUL '11 - JUL '12 |
| <b>Alberta</b>                     |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |                   |
| All Items                          | 121.5        | 122.7 | 125.7 | 125.7 | 127.0 | 126.6 | 126.9 | 126.8 | 0.9               |
| Food                               | 120.5        | 121.8 | 125.6 | 126.1 | 126.7 | 127.6 | 128.0 | 129.3 | 2.5               |
| Shelter                            | 147.4        | 147.6 | 152.1 | 152.8 | 149.9 | 147.9 | 150.8 | 151.4 | -0.9              |
| Energy                             | 138.5        | 143.0 | 166.5 | 170.3 | 161.1 | 152.3 | 161.2 | 160.8 | -5.6              |
| Household Operations & Furnishings | 107.8        | 107.7 | 109.2 | 109.1 | 110.3 | 110.4 | 110.8 | 111.0 | 1.7               |
| Transportation                     | 105.3        | 118.8 | 124.7 | 123.2 | 130.2 | 128.9 | 127.3 | 125.4 | 1.8               |
| Recreation, Education & Reading    | 105.3        | 106.0 | 105.7 | 107.9 | 105.5 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 107.9 | 0.0               |
| All Items, excl. Food and Energy   | 119.8        | 120.7 | 121.7 | 121.3 | 123.8 | 123.9 | 123.3 | 123.0 | 1.4               |
| <b>Edmonton</b>                    | 121.6        | 122.9 | 126.0 | 125.9 | 127.4 | 127.0 | 127.2 | 127.1 | 1.0               |
| <b>Calgary</b>                     | 121.7        | 122.7 | 125.4 | 125.5 | 126.7 | 126.2 | 126.5 | 126.4 | 0.7               |

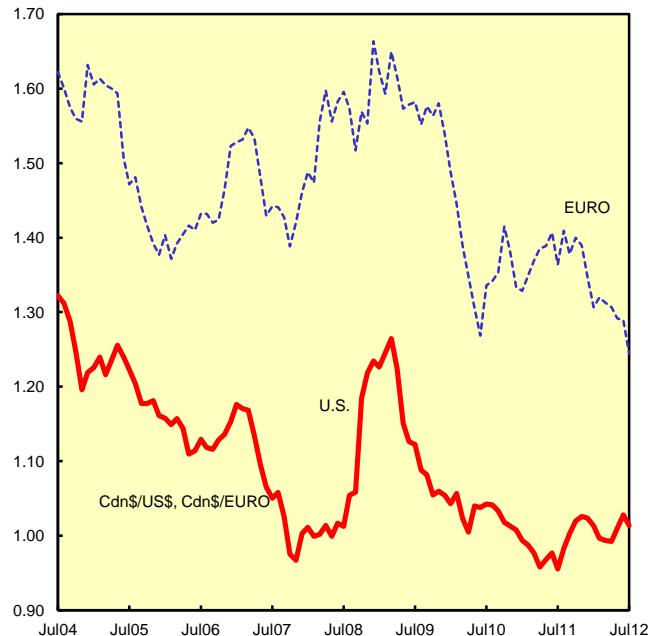
| EXCHANGE RATES (in \$Cdn)      | ANNUAL RATES |        |        | 2011   | 2012   |        |        |        | % Change          |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
|                                | 2009         | 2010   | 2011   | JUL    | APR    | MAY    | JUN    | JUL    | JUL '11 - JUL '12 |
| United States                  | 1.1415       | 1.0301 | 0.9893 | 0.9553 | 0.9926 | 1.0098 | 1.0281 | 1.0139 | -5.8              |
| Japan                          | 0.0122       | 0.0118 | 0.0124 | 0.0121 | 0.0122 | 0.0127 | 0.0130 | 0.0128 | -5.8              |
| European Monetary Union (EURO) | 1.5853       | 1.3671 | 1.3761 | 1.3636 | 1.3066 | 1.2918 | 1.2892 | 1.2445 | 9.6               |
| United Kingdom                 | 1.7208       | 1.5928 | 1.5859 | 1.5435 | 1.5889 | 1.6071 | 1.5991 | 1.5804 | -2.3              |

| INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates) | ANNUAL RATES |      |      | 2011 | 2012 |      |      |      | % Change          |
|------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
|                              | 2009         | 2010 | 2011 | JUL  | APR  | MAY  | JUN  | JUL  | JUL '11 - JUL '12 |
| Canada                       | 2.42         | 2.60 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 0.0               |
| United States                | 3.25         | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 0.0               |

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA Year-over-Year Change



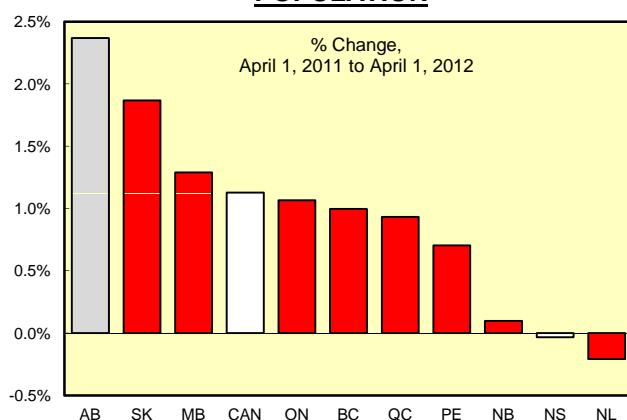
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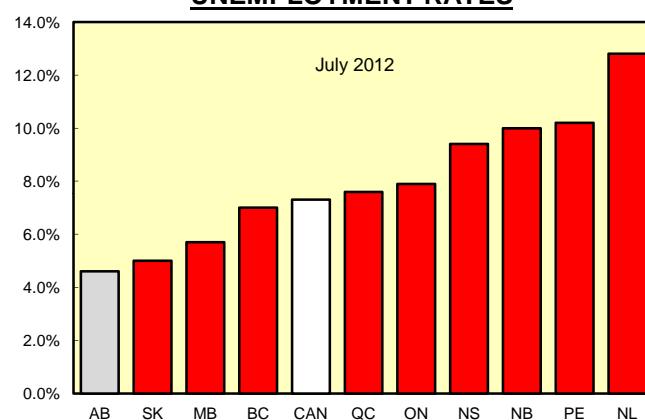
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|  | NL     | PE    | NS     | NB     | QC      | ON      | MB     | SK     | AB     | BC     | CAN     |
|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>POPULATION ('000s)</b>  |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| APRIL 1, 2011  | 510    | 145   | 945    | 755    | 7,954   | 13,330  | 1,245  | 1,052  | 3,758  | 4,561  | 34,368  |
| APRIL 1, 2012  | 509    | 146   | 945    | 755    | 8,028   | 13,472  | 1,261  | 1,072  | 3,847  | 4,606  | 34,756  |
| Percent Change   | -0.21  | 0.7   | -0.03  | 0.1    | 0.9     | 1.1     | 1.3    | 1.9    | 2.4    | 1.0    | 1.1     |
| <b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)</b>  |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| JULY 2011  | 12.2   | 11.4  | 9.5    | 10.2   | 7.2     | 7.6     | 5.7    | 4.9    | 5.5    | 7.3    | 7.3     |
| JULY 2012  | 12.8   | 10.2  | 9.4    | 10.0   | 7.6     | 7.9     | 5.7    | 5.0    | 4.6    | 7.0    | 7.3     |
| <b>EMPLOYED* ('000s)</b>   |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| JULY 2011  | 225    | 72    | 452    | 349    | 3,970   | 6,745   | 622    | 527    | 2,104  | 2,274  | 17,340  |
| JULY 2012  | 227    | 74    | 456    | 354    | 3,957   | 6,793   | 625    | 537    | 2,150  | 2,308  | 17,479  |
| Percent Change   | 1.1    | 2.1   | 0.8    | 1.5    | -0.3    | 0.7     | 0.5    | 2.0    | 2.2    | 1.5    | 0.8     |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE*</b><br><b>(Average Number of Beneficiaries)</b> |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |        |        |         |
| MAY 2011   | 34,470 | 9,020 | 31,990 | 34,190 | 168,340 | 174,430 | 12,890 | 10,480 | 34,490 | 65,090 | 574,760 |
| MAY 2012   | 33,630 | 8,340 | 30,000 | 32,680 | 152,610 | 148,190 | 12,650 | 9,260  | 24,040 | 55,950 | 512,620 |
| Percent Change   | -2.4   | -7.5  | -6.2   | -4.4   | -9.3    | -15.0   | -1.9   | -11.6  | -30.3  | -14.0  | -10.8   |

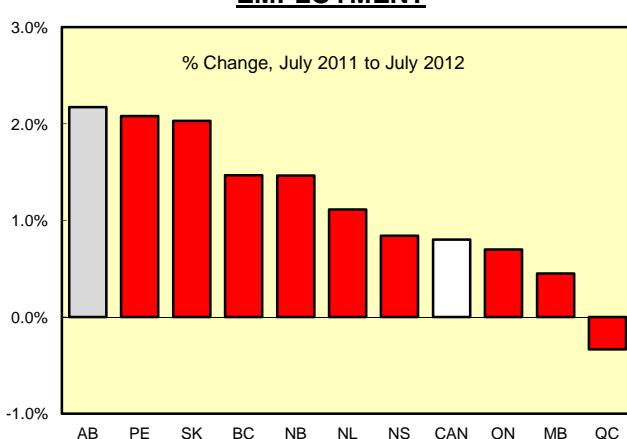
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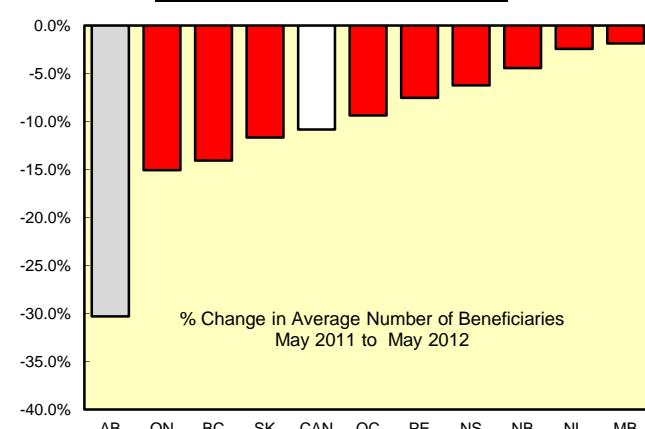
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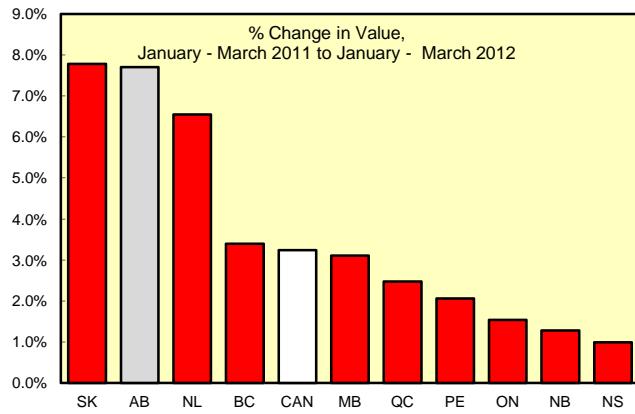
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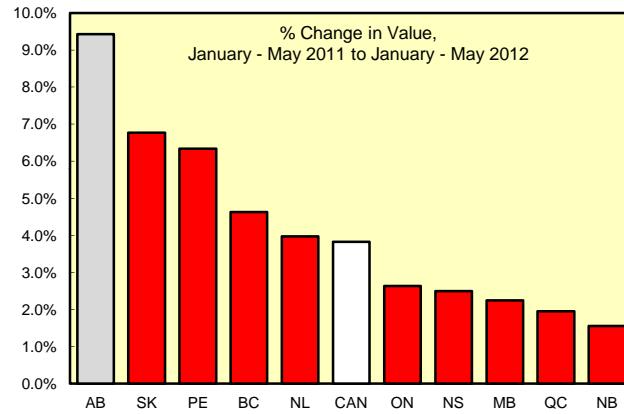
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|---|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>WAGES AND SALARIES* (\$000,000)</b>  |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |        |         |
| JANUARY - MARCH 2011                    | 2,395  | 602   | 4,368  | 3,546  | 38,104  | 75,306  | 6,112  | 5,706  | 30,651  | 23,547 | 191,426 |
| JANUARY - MARCH 2012                    | 2,552  | 614   | 4,412  | 3,592  | 39,048  | 76,461  | 6,302  | 6,150  | 33,011  | 24,347 | 197,631 |
| Percent Change                          | 6.6    | 2.1   | 1.0    | 1.3    | 2.5     | 1.5     | 3.1    | 7.8    | 7.7     | 3.4    | 3.2     |
| <b>RETAIL TRADE* (\$000,000)</b>        |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |        |         |
| JANUARY - MAY 2011                      | 3,222  | 762   | 5,372  | 4,577  | 42,117  | 66,791  | 6,765  | 6,572  | 25,897  | 24,604 | 187,397 |
| JANUARY - MAY 2012                      | 3,350  | 810   | 5,506  | 4,649  | 42,941  | 68,551  | 6,917  | 7,017  | 28,339  | 25,742 | 194,573 |
| Percent Change                          | 4.0    | 6.3   | 2.5    | 1.6    | 2.0     | 2.6     | 2.2    | 6.8    | 9.4     | 4.6    | 3.8     |
| <b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES (Number)</b> |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |        |         |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2011                     | 15,663 | 2,833 | 23,826 | 20,523 | 214,942 | 308,117 | 23,563 | 24,462 | 109,141 | 80,645 | 823,715 |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2012                     | 17,385 | 3,419 | 26,096 | 21,045 | 221,744 | 329,309 | 25,744 | 27,429 | 123,683 | 91,029 | 886,883 |
| Percent Change                          | 11.0   | 20.7  | 9.5    | 2.5    | 3.2     | 6.9     | 9.3    | 12.1   | 13.3    | 12.9   | 7.7     |
| <b>WHOLESALE TRADE* (\$000,000)</b>     |        |       |        |        |         |         |        |        |         |        |         |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2011                     | 1,952  | 276   | 3,830  | 2,978  | 53,274  | 137,999 | 7,295  | 10,379 | 33,323  | 25,569 | 277,283 |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2012                     | 2,061  | 280   | 4,206  | 3,041  | 56,165  | 143,455 | 8,073  | 11,238 | 38,473  | 27,020 | 294,501 |
| Percent Change                          | 5.6    | 1.3   | 9.8    | 2.1    | 5.4     | 4.0     | 10.7   | 8.3    | 15.5    | 5.7    | 6.2     |

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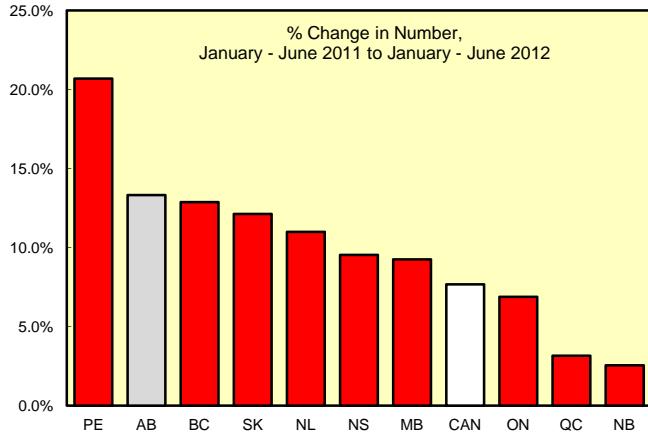
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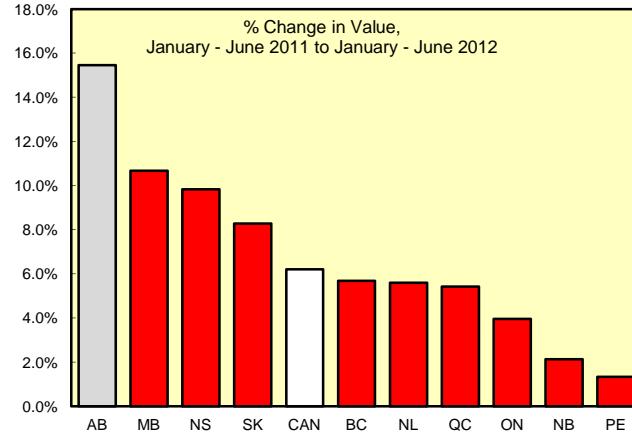
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**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES\***



**WHOLESALE TRADE\***

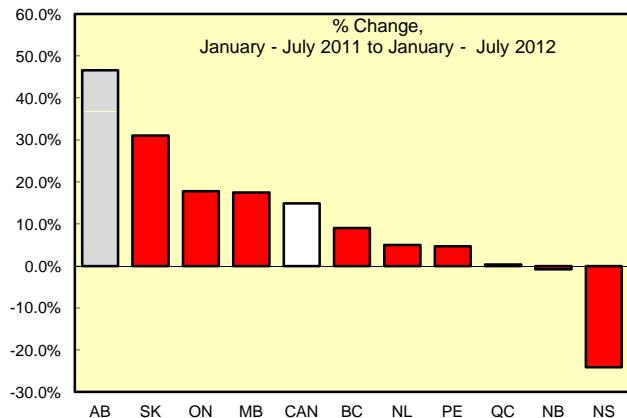


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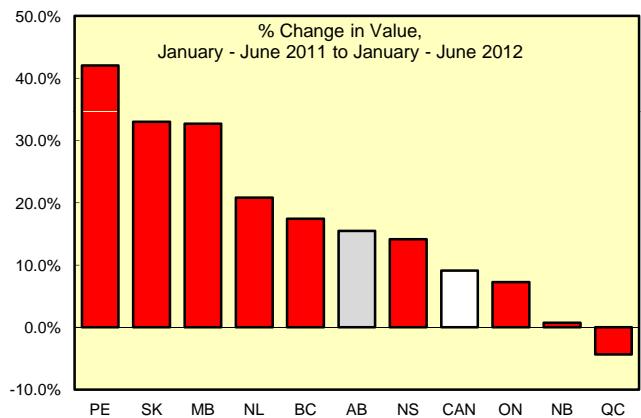
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| <b>URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)</b>  |       |      |       |       |        |         |       |       |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - JULY 2011   | 1,267 | 318  | 2,151 | 1,322 | 23,096 | 36,708  | 2,250 | 3,014 | 11,886 | 13,790 | 95,802  |
| JANUARY - JULY 2012   | 1,330 | 333  | 1,633 | 1,311 | 23,172 | 43,246  | 2,644 | 3,950 | 17,423 | 15,037 | 110,079 |
| Percent Change  | 5.0   | 4.7  | -24.1 | -0.8  | 0.3    | 17.8    | 17.5  | 31.1  | 46.6   | 9.0    | 14.9    |
| <b>BUILDING PERMITS* (\$000,000)</b>  |       |      |       |       |        |         |       |       |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2011   | 510   | 106  | 681   | 473   | 8,160  | 13,781  | 890   | 1,169 | 6,105  | 4,623  | 36,498  |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2012   | 617   | 150  | 777   | 477   | 7,804  | 14,783  | 1,181 | 1,556 | 7,049  | 5,430  | 39,823  |
| Percent Change  | 20.8  | 42.0 | 14.1  | 0.7   | -4.4   | 7.3     | 32.7  | 33.0  | 15.5   | 17.4   | 9.1     |
| <b>MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, \$000,000)</b> |       |      |       |       |        |         |       |       |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2011   | 2,573 | 587  | 5,465 | 9,665 | 69,017 | 125,125 | 7,609 | 5,974 | 33,790 | 18,837 | 278,669 |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2012   | 3,743 | 639  | 5,233 | 9,522 | 69,253 | 134,492 | 7,730 | 6,783 | 37,389 | 19,053 | 293,872 |
| Percent Change  | 45.4  | 9.0  | -4.2  | -1.5  | 0.3    | 7.5     | 1.6   | 13.6  | 10.6   | 1.1    | 5.5     |
| <b>AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations \$000,000)</b>         |       |      |       |       |        |         |       |       |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - MARCH 2011  | 39    | 139  | 179   | 128   | 1,750  | 2,259   | 1,430 | 3,195 | 2,712  | 519    | 12,349  |
| JANUARY - MARCH 2012  | 41    | 135  | 186   | 129   | 1,750  | 2,506   | 1,641 | 4,005 | 3,478  | 568    | 14,440  |
| Percent Change  | 5.9   | -2.5 | 3.7   | 0.8   | 0.0    | 11.0    | 14.8  | 25.4  | 28.3   | 9.4    | 16.9    |

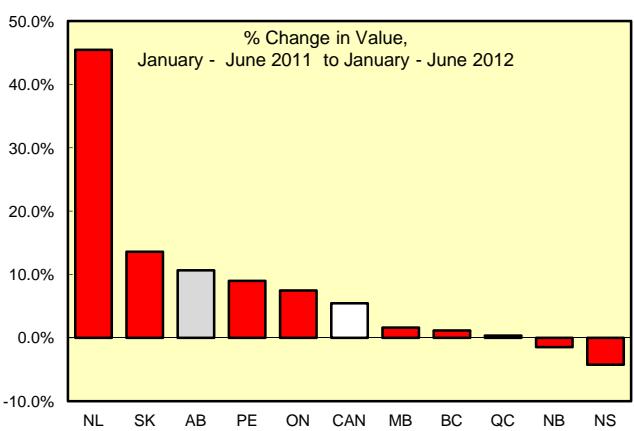
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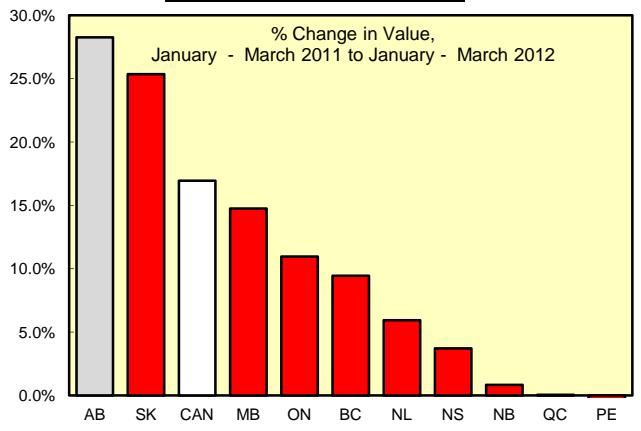
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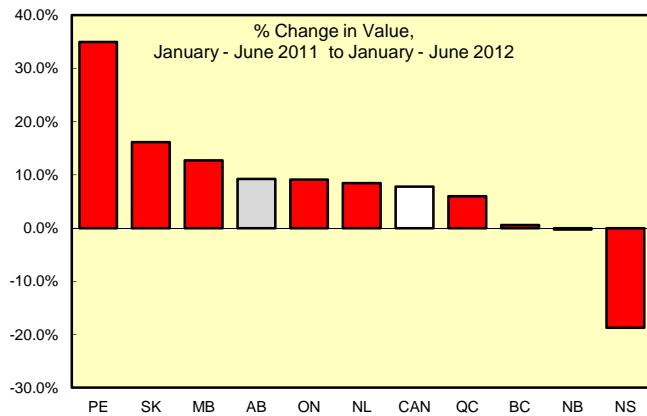


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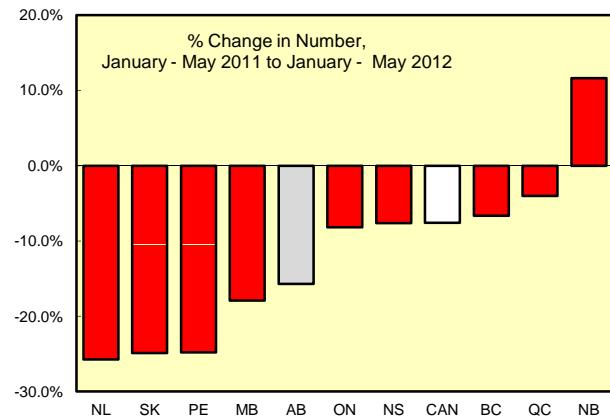
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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| <b>EXPORTS (\$000,000)</b>             |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2011                    | 5,595 | 315   | 2,277 | 7,634 | 29,362 | 75,967 | 5,557 | 13,805 | 44,725 | 15,601 | 201,918 |
| JANUARY - JUNE 2012                    | 6,068 | 426   | 1,850 | 7,615 | 31,111 | 82,887 | 6,264 | 16,036 | 48,845 | 15,687 | 217,691 |
| Percent Change                         | 8.5   | 35.0  | -18.7 | -0.3  | 6.0    | 9.1    | 12.7  | 16.2   | 9.2    | 0.5    | 7.8     |
| <b>CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)</b>  |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - MAY 2011                     | 945   | 250   | 1,597 | 1,150 | 11,207 | 10,807 | 653   | 579    | 3,151  | 3,603  | 33,910  |
| JANUARY - MAY 2012                     | 702   | 188   | 1,475 | 1,284 | 10,760 | 9,924  | 536   | 435    | 2,656  | 3,363  | 31,342  |
| Percent Change                         | -25.7 | -24.8 | -7.6  | 11.7  | -4.0   | -8.2   | -17.9 | -24.9  | -15.7  | -6.7   | -7.6    |
| <b>BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)</b>  |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |        |        |         |
| JANUARY - MAY 2011                     | 14    | 4     | 53    | 21    | 711    | 542    | 19    | 45     | 117    | 77     | 1,715   |
| JANUARY - MAY 2012                     | 8     | 7     | 34    | 26    | 638    | 463    | 15    | 46     | 112    | 93     | 1,542   |
| Percent Change                         | -42.9 | 75.0  | -35.8 | 23.8  | -10.3  | -14.6  | -21.1 | 2.2    | -4.3   | 20.8   | -10.1   |
| <b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)</b> |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |        |        |        |         |
| JULY 2011                              | 121.6 | 123.3 | 122.8 | 120.3 | 118.3  | 120.5  | 118.2 | 121.8  | 125.7  | 116.6  | 120.0   |
| JULY 2012                              | 123.6 | 125.2 | 124.5 | 121.4 | 120.5  | 121.4  | 120.3 | 123.9  | 126.8  | 117.9  | 121.5   |
| Percent Change                         | 1.6   | 1.5   | 1.4   | 0.9   | 1.9    | 0.7    | 1.8   | 1.7    | 0.9    | 1.1    | 1.3     |

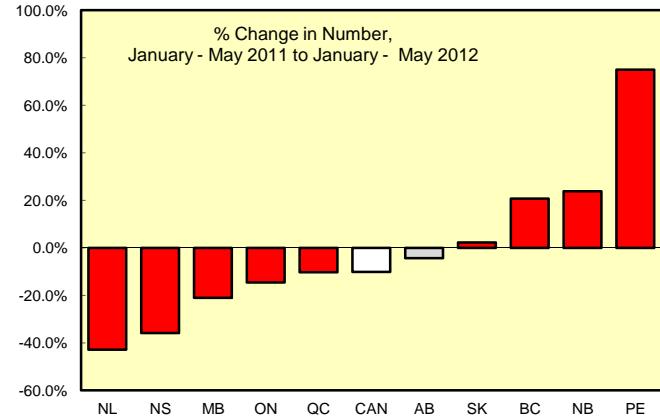
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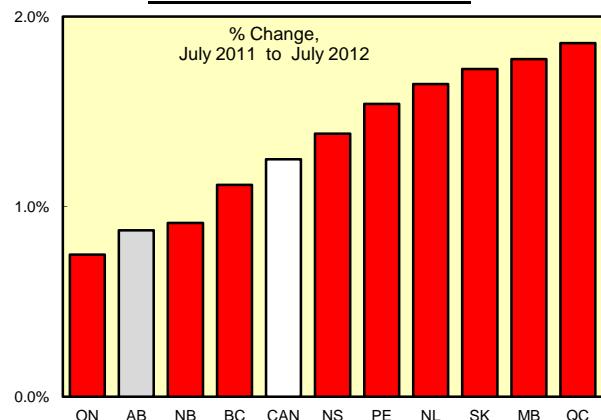
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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| <b>LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS</b><br><small>(unadjusted, 3-month moving average)</small> |  | <b>JULY 2011</b> | <b>JULY 2012</b> |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Labour Force (000s)</b>  |  |                  |                  |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   |  | 84.8             | 84.9             |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie   |  | 146.4            | 140.4            |
| 3) Edmonton Region  |  | 736.8            | 757.7            |
| 4) Red Deer Region  |  | 113.0            | 114.2            |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House  |  | 55.0             | 54.5             |
| 6) Calgary Region   |  | 836.8            | 857.9            |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller   |  | 113.7            | 115.0            |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  |  | 149.0            | 155.3            |
| <b>Employed (000s)</b>  |  |                  |                  |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   |  | 80.0             | 81.1             |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie   |  | 137.7            | 134.6            |
| 3) Edmonton Region  |  | 697.3            | 725.3            |
| 4) Red Deer Region  |  | 107.4            | 108.2            |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House  |  | 53.6             | 52.5             |
| 6) Calgary Region   |  | 788.6            | 818.0            |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller   |  | 108.9            | 109.7            |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  |  | 140.7            | 148.2            |
| <b>Unemployment Rate</b>  |  |                  |                  |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   |  | 5.7%             | 4.5%             |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie   |  | 5.9%             | 4.1%             |
| 3) Edmonton Region  |  | 5.4%             | 4.3%             |
| 4) Red Deer Region  |  | 5.0%             | 5.3%             |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House  |  | 2.7%             | 3.7%             |
| 6) Calgary Region   |  | 5.7%             | 4.7%             |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller   |  | 4.2%             | 4.6%             |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  |  | 5.6%             | 4.6%             |
| <b>Participation Rate</b>   |  |                  |                  |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   |  | 82.4%            | 80.6%            |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie   |  | 76.8%            | 73.2%            |
| 3) Edmonton Region  |  | 73.7%            | 74.0%            |
| 4) Red Deer Region  |  | 73.3%            | 72.7%            |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House  |  | 76.5%            | 75.5%            |
| 6) Calgary Region   |  | 75.4%            | 75.5%            |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller   |  | 72.8%            | 73.2%            |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  |  | 68.0%            | 70.0%            |

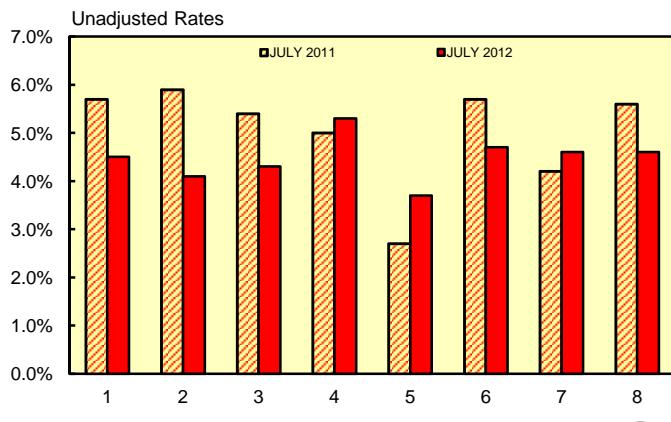


| <b>Population (July 1, 2011)</b>         |  |           |
|--|--|-----------|
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake              |  | 141,450   |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie            |  | 260,334   |
| 3) Edmonton Region                       |  | 1,238,763 |
| 4) Red Deer Region                       |  | 198,999   |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House |  | 91,206    |
| 6) Calgary Region                        |  | 1,362,370 |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller                  |  | 202,564   |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat             |  | 283,667   |

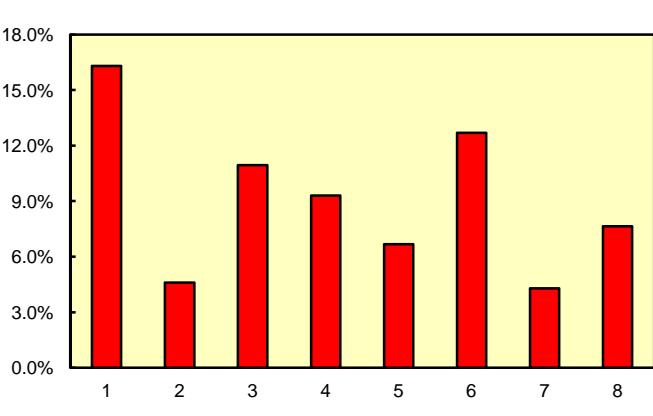
  

| <b>5-year Population Growth (2006-2011)</b> |  |       |
|---|--|-------|
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake                 |  | 16.3% |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie               |  | 4.6%  |
| 3) Edmonton Region                          |  | 10.9% |
| 4) Red Deer Region                          |  | 9.3%  |
| 5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House    |  | 6.7%  |
| 6) Calgary Region                           |  | 12.7% |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller                     |  | 4.3%  |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat                |  | 7.6%  |

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



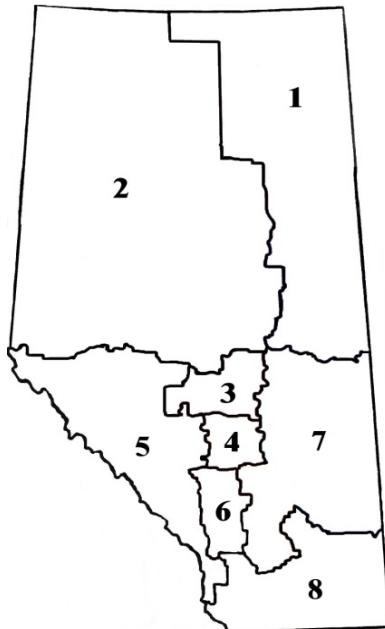
### 5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



## REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

The *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at \$5 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed.

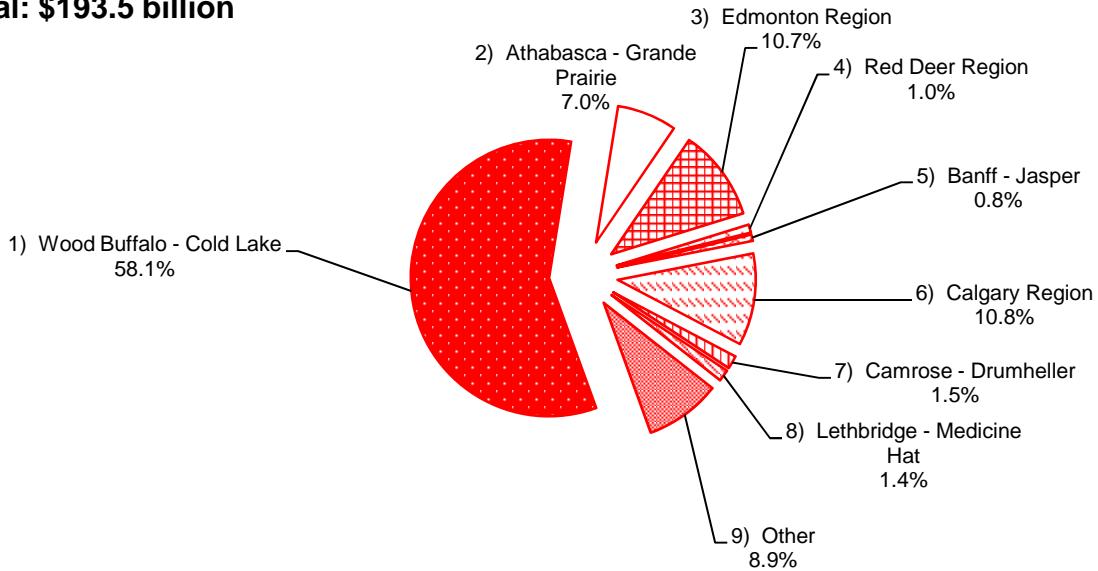
| MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS   | JUNE             |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                               | 2011             | 2012             |
| Investment (\$ 000,000)       |                  |                  |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   | 105,197.7        | 112,461.5        |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie | 9,697.8          | 13,452.6         |
| 3) Edmonton Region            | 20,380.9         | 20,706.2         |
| 4) Red Deer Region            | 1,653.8          | 1,844.7          |
| 5) Banff - Jasper             | 1,366.7          | 1,481.2          |
| 6) Calgary Region             | 24,899.5         | 20,801.6         |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller       | 2,971.0          | 2,983.1          |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  | 3,487.1          | 2,620.8          |
| 9) Other                      | 18,545.4         | 17,137.4         |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>188,199.9</b> | <b>193,489.1</b> |



| BUILDING PERMITS (\$000,000)  | JANUARY - JUNE |                |                 | MAY            |                |                 | JUNE           |                |                 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                               | 2011           | 2012           | Per cent Change | 2011           | 2012           | Per cent Change | 2011           | 2012           | Per cent Change |
| 1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake   | 499.6          | 665.2          | 33.1            | 124.0          | 134.5          | 8.5             | 89.2           | 69.6           | -22.0           |
| 2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie | 250.4          | 385.9          | 54.1            | 72.5           | 100.1          | 38.0            | 59.7           | 81.4           | 36.3            |
| 3) Edmonton Region            | 2,050.8        | 2,273.8        | 10.9            | 599.8          | 528.1          | -12.0           | 350.2          | 397.8          | 13.6            |
| 4) Red Deer Region            | 139.2          | 240.3          | 72.7            | 29.5           | 52.0           | 76.3            | 26.1           | 40.9           | 56.7            |
| 5) Banff - Jasper             | 79.6           | 50.5           | -36.5           | 13.2           | 10.6           | -19.5           | 13.7           | 10.8           | -21.1           |
| 6) Calgary Region             | 2,681.2        | 2,955.7        | 10.2            | 323.0          | 597.9          | 85.1            | 501.4          | 451.7          | -9.9            |
| 7) Camrose - Drumheller       | 154.8          | 202.7          | 30.9            | 32.4           | 47.7           | 47.1            | 31.2           | 49.9           | 60.0            |
| 8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat  | 168.1          | 202.6          | 20.5            | 50.2           | 66.2           | 31.8            | 44.8           | 33.2           | -25.7           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>6,023.7</b> | <b>6,976.7</b> | <b>15.8</b>     | <b>1,244.7</b> | <b>1,537.2</b> | <b>23.5</b>     | <b>1,116.3</b> | <b>1,135.4</b> | <b>1.7</b>      |

### MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ( JUNE 2012 )

**Total: \$193.5 billion**







## **Historic and Current Economic Indicators**

Selected Series - Alberta

|                 | Energy Prices           |              | International Exports (\$000,000) | Bankruptcies |              | Incorporations |                 | International Travellers (#, direct entries)** |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
|                 | WTI Crude (US\$/barrel) | Gas (C\$/GJ) |                                   | Business (#) | Consumer (#) | Alberta (#)    | Non-Alberta (#) |  |
| <b>2002</b>     | 26.09                   | 3.68         | 48,931                            | 1,998        | 8,234        | 28,141         | 2,001           | 826,384  |
| <b>2003</b>     | 31.04                   | 5.81         | 57,044                            | 1,636        | 9,160        | 30,680         | 1,891           | 806,307  |
| <b>2004</b>     | 41.40                   | 5.98         | 63,688                            | 1,565        | 8,719        | 32,276         | 2,041           | 913,320  |
| <b>2005</b>     | 56.56                   | 7.87         | 76,280                            | 1,194        | 7,542        | 38,038         | 2,284           | 906,714  |
| <b>2006</b>     | 66.22                   | 6.22         | 77,744                            | 666          | 5,248        | 45,527         | 2,680           | 881,623  |
| <b>2007</b>     | 72.32                   | 5.88         | 81,873                            | 449          | 4,768        | 45,920         | 2,871           | 953,937  |
| <b>2008</b>     | 99.66                   | 7.47         | 110,173                           | 447          | 6,066        | 40,708         | 2,807           | 953,149  |
| <b>Jan09</b>    | 41.92                   | 5.77         | 6,431                             | 39           | 696          | 2,926          | 205             | 47,573   |
| <b>Feb09</b>    | 39.21                   | 4.66         | 5,523                             | 44           | 706          | 2,354          | 213             | 48,459   |
| <b>Mar09</b>    | 48.06                   | 4.01         | 5,829                             | 31           | 951          | 2,680          | 199             | 53,224   |
| <b>Apr09</b>    | 49.95                   | 3.41         | 5,170                             | 24           | 838          | 2,760          | 194             | 52,360   |
| <b>May09</b>    | 59.21                   | 3.13         | 4,571                             | 34           | 847          | 2,509          | 191             | 72,054   |
| <b>Jun09</b>    | 69.70                   | 2.97         | 5,935                             | 33           | 1,021        | 2,978          | 212             | 113,758  |
| <b>Jul09</b>    | 64.29                   | 2.94         | 6,304                             | 35           | 872          | 2,682          | 178             | 148,990  |
| <b>Aug09</b>    | 71.14                   | 2.72         | 5,878                             | 33           | 882          | 2,494          | 169             | 112,877  |
| <b>Sep09</b>    | 69.47                   | 2.48         | 5,711                             | 35           | 1,163        | 2,827          | 206             | 84,836   |
| <b>Oct09</b>    | 76.08                   | 3.40         | 5,794                             | 33           | 690          | 2,817          | 228             | 49,782   |
| <b>Nov09</b>    | 78.15                   | 3.77         | 5,928                             | 32           | 686          | 2,892          | 191             | 38,576   |
| <b>Dec09</b>    | 74.60                   | 4.51         | 6,856                             | 32           | 634          | 2,833          | 205             | 59,034   |
| <b>Avg./Sur</b> | 61.82                   | 3.65         | 69,929                            | 405          | 9,986        | 32,752         | 2,391           | 881,523  |
| <b>Jan10</b>    | 78.40                   | 4.88         | 6,621                             | 27           | 684          | 3,082          | 212             | 42,212   |
| <b>Feb10</b>    | 76.45                   | 4.68         | 6,391                             | 30           | 637          | 2,833          | 244             | 46,578   |
| <b>Mar10</b>    | 81.29                   | 4.05         | 6,633                             | 48           | 776          | 3,524          | 261             | 55,020   |
| <b>Apr10</b>    | 84.57                   | 3.26         | 6,286                             | 37           | 744          | 3,019          | 249             | 46,838   |
| <b>May10</b>    | 74.12                   | 3.37         | 6,525                             | 35           | 672          | 2,928          | 210             | 68,056   |
| <b>Jun10</b>    | 75.40                   | 3.49         | 6,730                             | 23           | 778          | 3,120          | 209             | 113,817  |
| <b>Jul10</b>    | 76.38                   | 3.42         | 6,646                             | 27           | 626          | 2,892          | 184             | 146,075  |
| <b>Aug10</b>    | 76.67                   | 3.25         | 6,512                             | 30           | 615          | 2,647          | 264             | 114,313  |
| <b>Sep10</b>    | 75.55                   | 3.14         | 6,234                             | 34           | 732          | 3,109          | 235             | 86,475   |
| <b>Oct10</b>    | 81.97                   | 2.92         | 6,305                             | 24           | 700          | 2,946          | 230             | 54,754   |
| <b>Nov10</b>    | 84.31                   | 3.04         | 6,120                             | 19           | 667          | 3,176          | 214             | 39,384   |
| <b>Dec10</b>    | 89.23                   | 3.34         | 7,589                             | 44           | 519          | 3,121          | 217             | 53,867   |
| <b>Avg./Sur</b> | 79.53                   | 3.57         | 78,594                            | 378          | 8,150        | 36,397         | 2,729           | 867,389  |
| <b>Jan11</b>    | 89.58                   | 3.49         | 7,454                             | 30           | 578          | 3,357          | 261             | 38,456   |
| <b>Feb11</b>    | 89.74                   | 3.40         | 6,776                             | 22           | 636          | 2,960          | 240             | 40,411   |
| <b>Mar11</b>    | 102.98                  | 3.19         | 7,863                             | 26           | 680          | 5,180          | 251             | 46,012   |
| <b>Apr11</b>    | 110.04                  | 3.30         | 6,858                             | 17           | 640          | 2,646          | 225             | 45,698   |
| <b>May11</b>    | 101.36                  | 3.39         | 7,477                             | 22           | 617          | 3,024          | 274             | 67,706   |
| <b>Jun11</b>    | 96.29                   | 3.51         | 7,590                             | 16           | 649          | 3,172          | 264             | 106,140  |
| <b>Jul11</b>    | 97.34                   | 3.42         | 7,735                             | 15           | 534          | 2,706          | 219             | 138,569  |
| <b>Aug11</b>    | 86.34                   | 3.32         | 8,110                             | 26           | 595          | 2,878          | 241             | 109,496  |
| <b>Sep11</b>    | 85.61                   | 3.24         | 7,929                             | 23           | 525          | 3,163          | 236             | 84,522   |
| <b>Oct11</b>    | 86.43                   | 3.17         | 7,657                             | 30           | 515          | 3,110          | 242             | 54,274   |
| <b>Nov11</b>    | 97.16                   | 2.99         | 7,933                             | 19           | 577          | 3,034          | 246             | 40,693   |
| <b>Dec11</b>    | 98.58                   | 2.92         | 8,795                             | 18           | 483          | 3,151          | 243             | 55,522   |
| <b>Avg./Sur</b> | 95.12                   | 3.57         | 92,176                            | 264          | 7,029        | 38,381         | 2,942           | 827,499  |
| <b>Jan12</b>    | 100.32                  | 2.56         | 8,561                             | 20           | 517          | 3,512          | 297             | 38,926   |
| <b>Feb12</b>    | 102.26                  | 2.13         | 7,948                             | 25           | 533          | 3,126          | 265             | 41,741   |
| <b>Mar12</b>    | 106.21                  | 1.83         | 8,625                             | 19           | 568          | 3,610          | 302             | 50,294   |
| <b>Apr12</b>    | 103.35                  | 1.63         | 8,338                             | 20           | 523          | 3,249          | 307             | 47,803   |
| <b>May12</b>    | 94.72                   | 1.58         | 7,648                             | 28           | 515          | 3,431          | 301             | 68,481   |
| <b>Jun12</b>    | 82.41                   | 1.75         | 7,725                             |              |              | 3,200          | 283             | 112,779  |
| <b>Jul12</b>    | 87.93                   |              |                                   |              |              | 2,757          | 261             |  |
| <b>Aug12</b>    |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |
| <b>Sep12</b>    |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |
| <b>Oct12</b>    |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |
| <b>Nov12</b>    |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |
| <b>Dec12</b>    |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |
| <b>Avg./Sum</b> |                         |              |                                   |              |              |                |                 |  |

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\*\*Excluding same day travel.



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| Business Incorporations                       | <b>Service Alberta</b> , Corporate Registry  |
| Crude Oil Prices                              | <b>Alberta Department of Energy</b><br><a href="http://www.phoenixenergymarketing.com/historical_commodity_price_data.htm">http://www.phoenixenergymarketing.com/historical_commodity_price_data.htm</a>   |
| Exchange Rates                                | <b>Bank of Canada</b> , Financial Markets Department,<br><i>Monthly Average of Exchange Rates</i> (monthly)<br><a href="http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/exchange.html">www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/exchange.html</a>  |
| Housing Starts (urban)                        | <b>Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation</b> ,<br><i>Preliminary Housing Starts data</i> (monthly)<br><a href="http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/hoficlincl/homain/stda/index.cfm">http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/hoficlincl/homain/stda/index.cfm</a>  |
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